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Mt. Explorer shuttle needs help to survive

BY ALISON ALOISIO

The 14-year-old Mountain Explorer bus shuttle will likely need more financial support if it is going to survive after this winter season, according to its local liaison committee.

The free service transports people between Bethel and Sunday River Resort, with stops along the way. It has been touted as a way to reduce local traffic and pollution, as well as the potential danger from people driving OUII after a night out.

The shuttle has been supported through a combination of federal and state funding, together with local contributions from businesses and towns. This year's overall budget was \$167,987, according to figures provided by Pat Roma, a member of the local volunteer liaison

committee for the service. The operations are coordinated by Western Maine Transportation Services. The local contributions are needed in order to access the state and federal funds, officials have said.

But over the past five years the annual local business contributions have dropped by \$10,000 - from about \$48,500 to \$38,500, according to Roma's figures. The number of businesses contributing has dropped from 60 to 22.

The towns of Bethel and Newry have annually provided \$5,000 each.

Overall the Mountain Explorer has a \$40,000 shortfall in what had been budgeted for business contributions for the current season, Roma said.

There was a reduction in the number of days of service this season as a cost-sav-

ing measure, according to Craig Zurhorst of WMTS, as well as the elimination of one morning run on weekdays.

Roma said the service has routinely built \$24,000 into its annual budget to go into a reserve fund for bus replacement and unforeseen expenses. He said money from that fund could be used toward covering the current shortfall.

But Roma said that without a "significant turn of events" it seems "very likely" the bus service will have to end because of the lack of funding.

"We're at a critical juncture. The next month or so is an important time to decide how to manage this," he said. "Our goal is to make clear to the general public and business owners that by way of modest increases

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Newry elections March 2; Town Meeting March 3

BY TERRY KARKOS/
STAFF, SUN MEDIA

Newry next week will vote for the first time on separate days for its town officials and budget.

Town elections will be held Monday, March 2, at the Town Office.

Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to choose a moderator, a selectman and two School Board members.

Selectman Brooks Morton is seeking re-election in a contested race with former Selectman Jim Largess. Running uncontested for the School Board seats are incumbents Bonnie Largess and Whitney Gray.

The Town Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, in the Bear River Grange Hall to act on the remaining 44 warrant articles. (A potluck supper will precede it at 5:30 p.m.)

If all money articles are

approved, voters would OK a municipal budget of \$841,714, which is up \$11,739 over last year's budget of \$829,975.

Town Administrator Loretta Powers said solid waste accounts for most of the hike. The town was over budget to Bethel, which operates the Tri-Town Transfer Station along with Newry and Hanover, "because recycling is not paying what it used to. And so we upped the sanitation budget, and we hope to go to single-sort solid waste collection this year with the Tri-Town Transfer Station upgrade," she said.

The regular budget for sanitation is proposed at \$136,322, up about \$16,000 over last year. For the upgrade, selectmen recommend raising and appropriating \$50,000.

Voters will also consider a proposal to raise \$300,000

total toward improvements on the Sunday River Road near the Letter S swimming hole. The warrant articles propose to raise \$150,000 from taxes and take another \$150,000 from the Capital Improvement Account. The project is estimated to cost \$229,000. Selectmen have said any remaining money would go toward other improvements on the road.

Voters will also be asked if they are interested in securing a bond to pave and improve the Sunday River Road from the Monkey Brook intersection to the end of the pavement. The estimated cost of that road project is \$1 million. Selectmen are not making a recommendation.

Other articles include two ordinances to regulate parking and road entrances, and raising and appropriating \$50,000.

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Bethel board suspends updated sewer billings

BY ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen Monday heard from several unhappy sewer customers, including some who said if the current billing arrangement isn't changed they may get lawyers involved.

Later in the meeting, in accordance with an intent they stated earlier this month, selectmen voted to suspend "additional accounts that were generated by the most recent change to the Sewer and Water Ordinance," from April 1 to no later than Dec. 31 of this year, in order to allow for a review process and the possibility of "implementation of a clearer definition of dwelling unit and any other changes that need to be addressed."

They cited a section of the sewer ordinance authorizing a waiver of its provisions under certain circumstances.

Background

Sewer bills go out quarterly, with a minimum charge of \$121, with usage over 1,500 cubic feet of water having an added charge of \$8.09/100 cubic feet, according to the town.

In 2012 selectmen recommended the town extend the billing to individual dwelling units in properties such as some older apartment buildings, which had not yet been billed in compliance with town ordinance and were therefore billed as a single property. They said that units constructed more recently have been billed all along according to the ordinance, and the updates were needed to be fair.

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BECKY SHAW SKI DAY
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Barry and Robin Nevel have been vital cogs in Mount Abram ski area's operations for a combined total of 78 years.
Scott Andrews

Barry and Robin Nevel longtimers at Mt. Abram

BY SCOTT ANDREWS, SPECIAL TO THE BETHEL CITIZEN

If warm, welcoming smiles are the emotional coinage of the realm in ski country, Mount Abram is one of its richest treasure troves. At least that's been my experience as a regular Mount Abram skier for 20-plus years.

Longevity is another key asset. Mount Abram has had five owners over those decades, but a core group of employees kept the operation running as flawlessly as possible throughout that period.

Among the numerous friendly faces returning year after year, a husband-wife team stands out. Barry and Robin Nevel have been vital cogs in the Mount Abram operation for a combined total of 78 years, and both have extensive contact with the ski area's multiple generations of customers.

The Nevels are easy to notice. Over on the West Side beginners area, chairlift operator Barry Nevel is the guy who wears the cowboy hat. He's been loading people on Mount Abram's T-bars and chairlifts for 43 seasons.

You'll find wife Robin in the ticket office. She's notable

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Greenwood wraps up TIF proposal work

BY AMY CHAPMAN

Members of the committee studying the benefits of creating a tax increment financing (TIF) district in Greenwood met Feb. 12 to review a list of priorities that had emerged from discussion at previous meetings.

In preparing a strategic development plan for the town, economic development consultant Mathew Eddy included projects that could be funded by tax revenue resulting from new development within the boundaries of a designated TIF district, such as improvements to the Howe Hill Road, renovations to the downtown district, and the creation of a marketing program.

The list also includes projects for which Eddy recommends the town seek funding through grant sources such as the Maine Community Foundation, Rural Development, and Brownfield programs, as well as projects which would be funded privately, including the building of a permanent base lodge and improvements to existing buildings, parking lots, and operating systems at Mt. Abram Ski

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March Town Meetings

Town	Date	Time	Location
Newry	March 3	7 p.m.	Grange Hall
Andover	March 21	9 a.m.	Town Hall
Gilead	March 28	7 p.m.	Town Hall
Woodstock	March 23	7 p.m.	WES

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Letters

WHAT DOES NEWRY WANT?

To the Editor:
Newry wants Brooks Morton for Selectman!

For the past three years Brooks has been serving the residents of Newry, the town that he loves. Over the past few months we have gotten to know Brooks very well and we think you would be hard pressed to find a more honest and dedicated person to serve as selectman in our town. The bottom line is Brooks' only interest is to serve this town and its residents. Newry wants what any town wants to be treated fairly and have selectman looking out for the best interest of the residents in the town, and we think Brooks is the man for the job.

For these reasons we ask you to please join us in supporting Brooks Morton for another term as selectman to the town of Newry. Be sure to get out and vote on March 2, 2015.

Gary and Tama Drown
Newry

SEEKING AWARD NOMINATIONS

To the Editor:

For the last 45 years, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce has held an awards dinner and celebration to recognize community and business excellence. We are seeking nominations from you, the members of our communities and businesses, for our various awards. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 3rd and can either be sent to the chamber at P.O. Box 1247, Bethel, Maine 04217, delivered to our office, or e-mailed to info@bethelmaine.com. We also ask that nominators be present at the event on Friday, May 15 to accompany the recipient.

We have many categories! Business of the Year, Henry H. Hastings Award for Citizenship, Lifetime Achievement Award, Bethel Area Non-Profit Leadership Award, Forest Products Industry Award, Public Service Award (typically goes to someone working in municipal governments or committees), Rising Star Entrepreneur Award, Rocky Freida Memorial Award. We also have four Employee of the Year Awards: Ski Industry, Service & Retail, Education & Hospitality and these should be nominated by the employers. A selection committee will be meeting and we will be announcing the award recipients by mid-late April.

At this wonderful celebration, we also present two Citizenship Awards to high school seniors who are chosen by the staff of Telstar High School and we provide the forum to present the SkiEstá Scholarships. There is an application process for the SkiEstá awards that will be explained in a separate letter to the editor.

The Awards Dinner & Celebration is scheduled for Friday, May 15 to be held at the Grand Summit Hotel at Sunday River Resort. Details related to the dinner, and making reservations will be released in the next weeks.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for this event, and information on the benefits of this can be obtained by contacting the chamber. We are also seeking donations for our Silent Auction – which has been a terrific addition to the event. Please call us!

Many thanks for taking the time to nominate those who are outstanding in our communities and work places.

Robin Zinchuk, Executive Director
Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

SKIESTA SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED

It is time to apply for a SkiEstá Scholarship! Last year we awarded \$5000 of scholarship money. For 2015 we will be awarding a minimum of two \$1,000 scholarships to area residents who fit into one of the following categories 1) high school senior that has been accepted and is committed to attending college or pursuing a formal higher education degree; 2) an area resident who is interested in attending The Eddy School in Newry and is identified by it as a need-based student; and 3) any adult who is enrolled in continuing education or change of career training (e.g. training to become a plumber, electrician, or courses to further expertise in a trade).

To apply, please write a simple letter describing the way the funds will be used and discussing why you believe you are the best candidate for the scholarship money. Be sure to include the name, mailing address, telephone, and email on your essay. In the case of high school student applicants, please forward your GPA/transcript with your essay. Priority will be given to residents of Newry although anyone in the Sunday River area may apply.

Letters should be sent to The Owners, SkiEstá, 343 E. Hillendale Road, Kennett Square, PA 19348.

The deadline for receiving the application is April 1. Scholarship winners will be announced at the annual Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, May 15, 2015. The owners of SkiEstá donate at least one Awards Dinner ticket to each recipient so that he/she may attend the dinner.

Thank you to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce for helping us administer the scholarship fund.

Sophia Bilinsky and Walter Shevchuk
Kennett Square, Penn.

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THOUGHTS OF A NEWRY RESIDENT

To the Editor:

I will be supporting Brooks Morton for selectman of Newry on March 2. I encourage the folks in the Sunday River Valley to do the same.

As selectman, Brooks has made your roads a priority by bringing the road maintenance plans into action from the work that Dave Bonney has developed based on the foundational work of Jim Sysko's 2001 report. He has moved the concerns of the citizens in the long neglected sections of the outer Sunday River Road to a discussion and a vote at our March 3 Town Meeting.

As a citizen, I am concerned about the many issues that seem to be in limbo until after this upcoming contested election. It will make a difference in the direction of our town and where our tax dollars will be spent.

Here is the list of the major topics that remain unresolved.

First, The school withdrawal committee has a good balance of citizens. By law when a selectman is replaced he has to step down from that committee. What will the dynamics be like if Jim Largess is elected and put on the committee? Husband and wife!

Second, solid waste. Bethel, Newry and Hanover are in negotiations to upgrade the transfer station. Brooks has been involved in these negotiations for some time now. Jim Largess works for the largest producer of solid waste in town. Who do you think will serve the best interest of all the taxpayers?

Third, the Mountain Explorer. It is no secret that the future of the funding of the Mountain Explorer is in question. Jim Largess works for the company that is the main destination that this free ride serves. I ask you again who will watch out for the interests of all the taxpayers of Newry with an open mind?

Fourth, the Bingham Forest. One needs to only visit the Mahoosuc Pathways website to find out the great plans in the works for this land, which was the former water source of Bethel. The promotional video tells the vision for this parcel of land located in Newry. It has been stated in a recent Planning Board meeting these collaborative organizations intend to seek tax exempt status from the Town of Newry. They have also stated that they do not believe they need to bring their plans before the Newry Planning Board. Jim Largess is the chairman of the Town of Bethel's Bingham Forest Authority. Now I again ask you, who will serve the interests of all of the taxpayers of Newry better?

Fifth, Planning Board appointments. Three of our Planning Board members are retiring April 1. Brooks Morton worked hard to address the conflict of interest that existed when Jim Largess was a selectman. For many years Sunday River's engineer was chair of the Newry Planning Board. It took a lot of guts and courage to confront this situation and Brooks did just that. I know Brooks will do the right thing when appointments need to be made after Town Meeting.

We have a unique opportunity in Newry by having two folks that have served as selectman before asking for our votes. We also have a history of both individuals, what they stand for and who they serve. As we all know being a public official it is very difficult not to favor the corporation you work for, the non-profits you belong to and/or the special interest groups you are involved with. That is another reason I am supporting Brooks Morton for selectman of Newry.

Bob Lowell
Newry

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

To the Editor:

If you believe your property taxes are wrong, you can fill out an abatement form (obtained from your town office) and ask to have them lowered. You must do this within six months of the tax commitment date. For many towns, the deadline comes in early spring. If the error(s) have been ongoing, you can ask for the last three years to be lowered.

The assessors in your town (who are also the selectmen in many small towns) have a legal duty to value your property "justly" in comparison to similar properties. Maine Law also requires assessors to review the tax records every four years. Many towns do not. After a while, property records can become confused, disorderly, inaccurate; essentially, indecipherable. Assessors are obligated by law to correct records when inconsistencies are discovered.

How can you find out if your tax assessment is wrong? You go to the town office and ask for your property file and anyone else's you want to see, by using the tax maps and/or "commitment list" to identify the "Map" and "Lot" numbers. You need to try to determine how assessors established values for your land and building in comparison to your neighbors' lands and buildings. Errors can be made regarding simple things like square footage, acreage, factoring multiplication, etc. In addition, some assessors may fail to account for things that affect the value of your property such as location, topography, access, road conditions, services, utilities, foundation, central heat, water supply system, waste disposal system, water heater, appliances, etc. According to Maine Law, they must account for all of those things in establishing your property's "just value."

You must do your homework in order to get an abatement. You cannot simply claim that your taxes are too high or unfair. You must list comparable properties that are assessed for less. You must find errors in the description of your property, and factors unique to your property they have failed to note. You must argue the assessors are manifestly wrong. One thing you may notice in the assessors' files are inconsistencies.

It is possible you may find things in town files that seem unfair. It seems that back in the early 1990s, Andover assessors decided to apply decreases in valuation for houses that were "run down," applying a hefty discount for "functional obsolescence." The problem is, these values were never added back once the houses were "fixed up." Many in town continue to enjoy these "discounts" that are not given anymore. "Functional obsolescence" discounts are not given to (newer) cabins with no power, no running water, no heating system, no well, no septic system, no foundation, no road.

After you do your research, document it, and send in your detailed abatement appeal. In a few weeks you may receive a letter from assessors denying your request. They may say that bringing all property valuations up to date would take them too much time and that a revaluation is needed.

Their denial is a minor bump in the road. Do not give up. You may now appeal to the Oxford County Board of Assessment Review. Another short form to fill out and a date to appear before the board in South Paris. If you have your facts in order and a good argument, you should win. If the county rules in your favor, you will receive a refund check from your town, including interest accrued from the time you paid your bill. If the county does not rule in your favor, you have the option of appealing to Superior Court.

Speaking of interest, you may have noticed that if you are late paying your taxes, you must pay them 7% interest. But towns can and do pay much less interest to you on tax refunds due to overpayment. State law mandates a maximum of 4% difference between the two numbers. Why is any difference allowed? Why should they charge us 7% when we're late paying taxes, but when they must refund overpaid taxes, they only pay 3%? At the Andover town meeting this year, they will try to get you to vote the tax refund interest from 1% to 3%, to be in compliance with state law (they were not). Do not. To be fair, this number should be 7%, the very same interest they charge you.

Even if you are awarded an abatement by the county, it may not be over. Pay attention, because the selectmen may not make the adjustments the county directed. They may say they didn't like the county's decision because it didn't give enough "rationale." You may have to go through this again, as county and town resources are wasted.

A side note on property taxes: in the past some towns have required removing an acre from tree growth on which to build, when the building footprint area is all that needs to be removed according to state law. Over the years you may needlessly pay thousands in extra taxes on a whole acre, not to mention the additional penalty. Revise your tree growth plan and reduce your "building lot" to the smallest fractional acre possible. If they deny your tree growth plan, you can appeal to the state (that makes the rules).

Assessors inherit inconsistent incomplete records, perhaps true. However, abatement applications must be carefully considered. As towns decide to use undocumented valuation methods (while ignoring old valuations), "new" taxpayers will bear the burden with higher "new" valuations.

Inconsistent property files and non-standardized, non-retroactive assessing practices are not the best ways of doing business. But if that's the way some towns choose to operate, they had better be prepared to routinely grant valid abatement requests.

Brenda Stickney

Andover

(Note: This letter has been edited.)

VOTE FOR THE EXCHANGE/FOOD PANTRY

To the Editor:

In April, the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation will give a total of \$100,000 to 68 non-profit organizations around the state, and The Bethel Food Pantry wants to be one of the recipients. We need the community's help to make that happen so we can continue to serve local families in need.

Voting is online, so please help us by voting for Bethel Area District Exchange/Food Pantry as write-in candidate for Oxford County at this website: www.bangor.com/cmm, or by going to the District Exchange/Food Pantry Facebook page to find the direct link. Polling is open until Feb. 28, so please help us be a winner by voting today!

Callie Pecuniary

Board President, Bethel Area District Exchange/Food Pantry

Our Back Pages

BY DANNA BROWN
NICKERSON

10 years ago: Robert Stewart of Cumberland presented the Mahoosuc Land Trust with approximately 500 acres of land, encompassing the three summits of Puzzle Mountain, and five miles of the Grafton Loop Trail corridor.

The SAD 44 School Board voted to accept the donation of four electronic scoreboards from Pepsi Bottling Company. Deaths: Raymond J. York, Wilma B. Gorman, Edna M. Curtis, Patricia Ann Foster, Michelle Waterhouse.

20 years ago: Stormy weather caused poor driving conditions in the area for several days, with multiple accidents reported.

Robins were sighted in Upton Feb. 21, and there were reports of a flock of them in North Andover.

Births: Olivia Anne Rottari, Cierra Grace Esty. Deaths: Maynard W. Overlock, Harriett L. Thurston.

30 years ago: Sudden icing of the roads caused an ice cream truck to overturn in Gilford, blocking the road for a couple of hours.

The cash price for heating oil at Ripley & Fletcher Co. was 99¢ per gallon, with a minimum delivery of 100 gallons.

Deaths: N. Eugene Burns, Ernest H. Peare, Mrs. Florence E. Brooks, Mrs. Dorothy B. Hooper.

40 years ago: The Maine Open Hang Gliding Fly-in and Championship Meet took place at Mount Abram as part of the Greater Bethel Chamber of Commerce Winter Carnival.

Gould Academy defeated Valley High of Bingham 78-44 for the Western Maine "D" basketball title.

Birth: Danielle Renee Bernier.

Deaths: George H. Abbott, Ruth L. Young, Mrs. Eva Fuller Lawrence, Harry R. Sanborn.

50 years ago: Approximately 50 representatives of towns in the Bethel area met to start investigating the feasibility of forming a school administrative district.

The Shoe Rack operated by Mrs. Clarence Rolfe moved to its new location in the building owned by the Mund-Alen Post American Legion.

Death: Elbridge H. Woodward.

60 years ago: Structural steel had arrived for the three span bridge at Rumford Point. The bridge, connecting Route 2, Rumford Point and Route 120, Rumford Corner was expected to open to traffic in late 1955.

A masked gunman held up Goodwin's Dairy Bar at South Paris. Several shots were fired, one of which narrowly missed Dr. S.S. Greenleaf of Bethel.

Births: Karen Ann Page, Vivian Loree Inman, Kevin Trinward.

Deaths: Harry F. Eldredge, Brian G. Kennagh.

70 years ago: R.F.D. routes 1 and 3 were consolidated with Earl Davis as carrier.

The maple syrup producers of Oxford County held a meeting at the Fire Hall in South Paris.

Death: Clarence W. Hall.

80 years ago: A meteor landed in the vicinity of Oxford. Stephen Abbott reported a five months old pig weighing 210 pounds.

Deaths: Mrs. Addie Hicks, Mrs. Emily C. Knights.

90 years ago: Bethel was shaken by violent earthquake shocks.

A special committee was appointed to consult and advise with the Selectmen, the School Committee, and the Superintendent of Schools relative to the crowded conditions of the village school buildings.

Deaths: Mrs. Edith Kittridge, Robert A. Edwards.

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From the Bethel Town Manager

BY CHRISTINE M. LANDES

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel. I recently attended a Western Maine Manager's meeting in Wilton. Managers from Franklin, Oxford and Androscoggin counties gather once a quarter to network and address upcoming or current issues they are facing. Geoff Hermon from the Maine Municipal Association was the most recent guest speaker. He presented notable items of interest from the Governor's proposed budget that will have an impact on each and every taxpayer of Maine. The largest item will be the adjustments to the Revenue Sharing Program. State law defines that the communities of Maine should be receiving 5 percent of all sales and income tax collected, which for Bethel totals approximately \$192,000. Currently, the Town of Bethel receives about \$85,000 for Revenue Sharing. The proposed state budget for FY 2016 would drop that amount by almost \$3,000 and then eliminate the total in FY 2017. Any loss in revenue on the local level generates cuts in departments or programs that are in place. It is my understanding this proposal was met with immense opposition at the legislative hearing. There was over 40 individuals who testified how this concept could fatally impact their communities.

Other impacts of the Governor's proposed budget include a tax shift in the telecommunications tax and the elimination of the Homestead Property Tax program for those under 65 years of age and then doubling the exemption for those 65 and older. Another proposal generating a lot of controversy is the application of property tax to 50 percent of the value of privately owned tax-exempt institutions over \$500,000. I am positive the Taxation Committee has their work cut out for them in the next few weeks. It will be interesting to see how this evolves.

Bid packages for the tree cutting project at the Bethel Airport are now available. Bids will be accepted until March 16 and then accepted or rejected at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 23. We will be conducting a pre-bid informational meeting on March 5 at 10 a.m. with a site walk for interested parties. If anyone is interested in receiving a bid package please feel free to contact me or the office.

There has been a slight delay for the installation of the light by the grocery store. CMP was unable to stock the correct light. It is my understanding the light is now available and should be installed very soon. I have also been asked to look into changing lights at the intersection of Parkway and Route 26. The area does not seem to be illuminated enough to allow safe turning of traffic and pedestrian crossing. I met with the CMP field representative on site and she presented several options. I expect that current light will be changed out in the near future with one that will guarantee a much brighter area for the benefit of everyone.

I want to remind everyone of the upcoming budget meetings. They will be held at the Town Office on March 10 and 12 at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and I encourage everyone to attend. Preparing a budget is very time consuming, but rewarding. Please join us and learn how town funds are appropriated in the most fiscally conservative manner.

If there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Newry to decide on ordinances

BY TERRY KARKOS,
SUN MEDIA WIRE

On Tuesday Newry Town Meeting voters will consider new ordinances on road entrances and parking, and changes to fire suppression and Planning Board ordinances.

The Road Entrance Ordinance establishes standards for temporary and permanent roads and driveways entering onto town rights of way. The Parking Ordinance regulates parking on certain public ways.

The road entrance law limits the number of entrances onto town rights of way to one per lot. With lots that have frontage on two or more town rights of way, the entrance and exit serving that lot must be on the lesser traveled way as deemed by the town. Additional entrances can be allowed pending town approval "upon proof that no

alternative method is viable and no unsafe or unhealthy situation will be created."

The proposal also allows the code enforcement officer to determine entrance standards and to enforce the law with selectmen approval.

The Parking Ordinance bans parking where signs prohibit it, and leaving a vehicle unattended within a 15-foot radius of any area marked by the Newry Fire Department. It exempts emergency vehicles; utilities maintenance, construction, repair or installation vehicles; and any state or municipal agency or utility company.

Violators will have their vehicle towed and impounded and must pay fees and municipal penalties. The ordinance can be enforced by any officer with police powers.

The proposal was prompted by complaints about parking around the areas of hik-

ing trails.

The Planning Board law changes include reducing membership from seven to five, and with two alternates instead of one. It also details how to handle vacancies, reduces the quorum from five to three members, delegates responsibility to selectmen to prepare and maintain a Comprehensive Plan, and states how the ordinance can be amended.

The fire suppression law removes unnecessary language, according to town officials. New language defines dry hydrants and addresses fire hydrants, limiting the pad area to no greater than a 2 percent slope, requiring that hydrants be primed, and painted with red fluorescent paint.

The ordinances will be voted on at the annual Town Meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 3, at Bear River Grange hall.

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for vibrant attire -- especially colorful jewelry and accessories. She is Mount Abram's ticketing supervisor, and has been dealing with customers and their money for 35 years.

Recently I sat down for a chat with the pair.

"I started here back in 1972 on a part-time basis," Barry, 61, told me. "I was still in high school but I worked weekends and holidays for the Cross brothers."

(Mount Abram was started by three brothers who were in the logging business. Don, Norton and Stuart Cross opened for business in December of 1960.)

Barry's first job was running the T-bar in Duane's Retreat, a beginner's area on the eastern extremity. Today he runs the double chairlift on the West Side beginners area. For about a dozen years, Barry was Mount Abram's lift operations supervisor, but resigned in favor of returning to a position where he directly helps skiers.

Robin, 57, came to Mount

Abram some years later. "I started here in the fall of 1980, working downstairs in the lodge in the retail shop," she said. "I was a cashier, selling clothes and mittens and that stuff."

Both jobs are seasonal. One of the keys to the Nevels' longevity at the mountain is that both Barry and Robin have complementary seasonal positions as co-managers of a private fishing camp near Moosehead Lake.

You won't find them on the slopes today, but Barry was a regular for many years. "I've skied pretty much for my whole life," he said. "I'm not an expert skier by any means -- just recreational, just for fun. But I've kind of given it up recently; I want to save myself for old age."

Robin gave up skiing shortly after a childhood mishap and never returned to the sport.

For most customers, the ticket office is their first stop. Robin supervises three ticket sellers during peak periods. Over the

years, she has dealt with the increasing complexity and automation of the ticketing function.

It's a job for friendly, detail-oriented people. A bewildering welter of pricing options and third-party promotional programs -- such as Groupon, the Ski Maine Association and Irving Oil Company -- need to be sorted through quickly, while customers at the counter need their options explained in a patient, helpful manner.

Robin notes that increasing numbers of skiers purchase discounted tickets through Liftopia, a national online service. But they still need to check in at the ticket office and exchange their online vouchers for

physical tickets. None of it fazes Robin. "I've been doing this for so long that I know this stuff inside-out, backward and upside-down," she said. "But sometimes one of the girls will get confused and have to come to me. Then it's 'Robin, can you handle this?'"

Barry's domain is the West Side, characterized by wide, gentle, sun-drenched slopes. Beginner lessons are taught there, and most of the seasonal children's programs use the area. It's a refuge for newbies. That makes the West Side the perfect location for outgoing, helpful people like Barry.

"You get a chance to deal with a lot of folks who don't know a lot about skiing,"

he said. "So you have an opportunity to help them learn how to ride a chairlift, which can be quite challenging. So I like to spend a little time with those folks, to help get them on the right track."

He has also become Mount Abram landmark or milestone amongst generations.

"I'm loading people on the lift now who are at the same height and same age as their parent were when I first started loading them," said Barry. "Folks are delighted to think that I'm still here loading their children like I did with them when they first got started."



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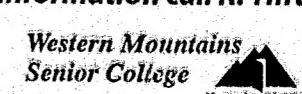
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Shuttle

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es in their contributions as well as with, perhaps, a few more businesses rejoining the support efforts, we could continue this service."

The future will be significantly impacted by what happens at next week's Newry Town Meeting, Roma said. Voters will be asked to up the town's annual contribution from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Selectmen agreed to put the figure on the warrant, but are making no recommendation on it. At a recent selectmen's meeting two people said they had observed few bus riders on weekdays.

Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, said she plans to be at the Town Meeting. Also next week, the chamber is expected to host a meeting of interested parties to discuss options, and also look at the broader transportation needs of the community, she said.

She said they might look for other additional funding sources, outside the area, to help take some pressure off the local ones.

Asked if options might include further scaling back service, such as to nights, weekends, and vacation weeks, Zinchuk said, "Everything is on the table. We'll create the service we can offer for next season."

She said businesses should consider their situation if the service were to be discontinued. Some might be forced to offer their own transportation, she said.

Zinchuk said some of the local businesses that have

stopped contributing to the service did so because they are not on the route. But she said it's important to keep the bus because other ski destination communities that Bethel competes with offer a free transit service, and visitors make their decision on where to go based in part on the ease of getting around.

"Having the Explorer helps elevate the Bethel area as a world class destination," she said.

She said the businesses not on the bus route still benefit from an overall increase in visitors.

Business comments

Sunday River Resort is the largest contributor to the bus service. Asked for comment on the bus and its current dilemma, spokesperson Sarah Devlin said, "The Mountain Explorer is a wonderful service for our community. The free shuttle provides our guests easy access to Bethel and Newry establishments. We're the largest local supporter for the service at \$17,000 every year, and would increase that contribution as long as there is support within the rest of the community."

Other businesses that contribute to the bus service can be seen on the Mountain Explorer website at mountainexplorer.org.

The Citizen contacted several area businesses (some who contribute to the service and some who do not) to ask whether they find the service valuable.

Jamie Patenaude is the



RIDING THE BUS-A pair of snowboarders gets off the Mountain Explorer at the Bethel Inn at 4 p.m. on Saturday. The 4:30 bus dropped off nine riders. The inn is the final stop on the trip from Sunday River to Bethel.

A. Aloisio

general manager of the Matterhorn Ski Bar in Newry, a stop on the bus route. "I find the Mountain Explorer and the service it provides very beneficial to our business at the Matterhorn Ski Bar," he said. "It provides safe and reliable transportation that our customers depend on. Many of our staff also use the Mt. Explorer to get to and from work."

The Norseman Inn in Bethel is another stop. "We find having the bus very beneficial," said owner Dale Cheney. "We have situations that part of the family may want to go up to the mountain early, and then the rest of them could join them later by taking the bus. Also, when people want to go out and have a few drinks they don't have to worry about driving."

But Donna Gillis of Pat's Pizza in Bethel said she has

seen little business as a result of the bus. "The Mountain Explorer used to stop at Mallard Mart [next door] a couple years ago," she said. "It hasn't stopped there at all this year. We only saw one family come into Pat's from riding the Mountain Explorer in all the years the bus has been running. Sorry it isn't a more positive experience for Pat's Pizza."

Asked about the Mallard Mart stop, Zurhorst said

there is a 'Parkway & Route 2' stop, but it is a 'flag stop' only.

Bus by the numbers

Zurhorst provided ridership numbers for the Mountain Explorer for the past four years. In 2011 ridership was 21,752; in 2012 18,411; in 2013 23,725; and in 2014, 16,818.

Zurhorst said the numbers can be greatly affected by the weather. Last year, he said, the season started out cold and with little snow, putting

a damper on the numbers of people skiing early and therefore using the bus. He also said that a lack of snow in the markets from which people come to ski impacts the number of visitors.

He described this year's ridership so far as "decent." Zurhorst said that ridership is typically high on weekends.

Describing the overall schedule, he said, "This year the Mountain Explorer begins its regular weekday route every hour on the half-hour from the Bethel Inn, and every hour on the hour from South Ridge. On Saturdays, Sundays and holiday week days, service is expanded to running every half-hour on the hour and on the half-hour, from both ends of the route, except between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., when service is the same as weekdays."

Zurhorst said that over the years the service has been adjusted at various times to "make the most of our resources" and operate as efficiently as possible, while balancing the need to have regular runs in order to best serve riders.

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Area

One high priority is addressing Mt. Abram's need for three-phase power in order to expand its snow-making capacity. Eddy suggested exploring funding options through Efficiency Maine, as well as the federal New Market Tax Credit program, which allows individual and corporate investors to receive a tax credit when investing in businesses located in low-income communities.

Other priorities include working to promote Greenwood as a four-season destination through improvements to trail systems and summer recreation opportunities, establishing a down-

town arts district centered around the historic Town Hall as a performance and exhibit space, creating a transportation loop linking Mt. Abram and Locke's Mills to Bethel via trails and public transportation, and helping to determine a future for the former Saunders Brothers mill property.

Committee members also emphasized the historical connection between L.L. Bean and the town, which is the birthplace of the company's founder. They discussed working to encourage a company presence in Greenwood, perhaps in the form of a product testing facility or sales outlet at Mt. Abram.

A public hearing will be

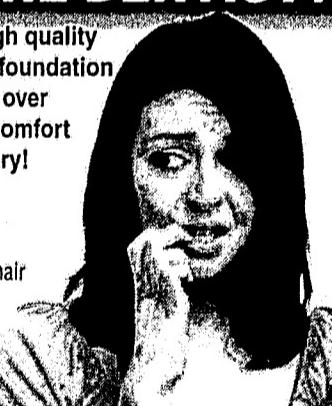
scheduled prior to Greenwood's Town Meeting in May, when voters will be asked to approve the establishment of a TIF district for the purpose of funding identified infrastructure projects.

The creation of a TIF district would mean that taxes on increased property values within the district would be shielded from Greenwood's state valuation and therefore would not reduce the town's state education and revenue sharing subsidies, or raise the amount of its county taxes.

(Note: The writer is a member of the Greenwood Board of Selectmen.)

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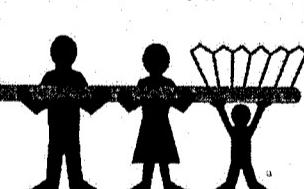
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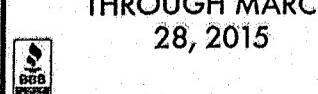
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The Way I See It

BY SHARON BOUCHARD



*From the TWISI archives:
My favorite part of the day is early morning sitting at my kitchen table with a cup of fresh brewed coffee and the morning paper.*

I love the quiet of the morning and I immerse myself in reading the national and local news. I'm a bit of a reading junkie and as well as the news I read the editorials, letters to the editor and even the obituaries.

My guilty pleasure part of the newspaper is the comic section. I have been reading the comics since I was a little girl and it feels like I'm having coffee with old friends when I read Mark Trail, Blondie, Nancy and Peanuts.

I don't find the comics as funny, but they are sometimes quite amusing and often ironic and on occasion nostalgic. That was the case with Nancy recently when Aunt Fritzi asked Nancy why she and Sluggo were late coming home from school.

The forever kids responded that they had stayed late to help the teacher.

"Oh, you cleaned the erasers?" Aunt Fritzi asked.

That question brought a puzzled look from Nancy and Sluggo. So, Aunt Fritzi said, "You cleaned the white board and sorted the dry erase pens, huh?" and the two youngsters nodded yes.

The mention of cleaning erasers took me right back to elementary school and chalking on chalk dust from banging the erasers together. I could almost smell the chalk as I thought about it.

For those of you who don't

know what I'm talking about, let me explain. Back in the day when chalkboards, then called blackboards because they were in fact black, were heavily written on with chalk and the erasers became coated in chalk dust from all the erasing and had to be cleaned at the end of the day. The cleaning method was to take them outside and bang them together.

As kids we begged for eraser duty and felt privileged when chosen by the teacher.

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teacher. Then the lucky kid or kids got to go outside no matter what the weather and bang the erasers, choke on the chalk dust and get absolutely covered in it. Oh, those were happy days.

It wasn't until I became a teenager and wanted no part of chalk dust in my teased hair or on my angora sweaters that I realized what a con the teachers had going.

Not only could they get the kids to do their dirty work, the kids fought for the opportunity and thought they were hot stuff when they got picked for the job.

Yet, it seems kind of sad to think that eraser duty may be a thing of the past. I haven't been in a classroom

in many years so I don't really know what goes on, but when I questioned my grandkids about eraser duty it got me looks like I have two heads.

I asked my son if he remembers eraser duty and his eyes lit right up. "I used to love doing that. We'd bang them against the school and leave chalk marks in different patterns all over the brick. Sometimes, we banged them together against each other."

It does make me wonder how many other things the kids are missing out on in the way of duties that made you feel like king or queen of the roost. Do the teachers still pick a student to take the attendance slips to the office? Going to the office on important business rather than being called there for punishment was a big status deal. I experienced both.

How about hall monitors? I was a seriously good hall monitor until I got caught skipping class and lost that little perk.

I know things have changed one heck of a lot. Some things are for the better I'm sure, but some things I have to question. No doubt it's a good thing that a kid can't be made to stand in front of the class with gum stuck on their nose because they got caught chewing it in their Freshman English class. That was not a good experience. But, the way I see it to not be able to bang some erasers together in a cloud of chalk dust is missing out on what was one of the good experiences of being in school.

ford her heating bills either. Let's hope she can turn the heat back on soon. Someone asked me when and why snow fences stopped being used to cut down on the snowdrifts on major roads? Would love to hear so call 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com and let me know. Making my calls for the most part all I hear is hibernating for the time being.

Well, let me tell you, Roger Zimmerman had amazing news. Remember I told you that his daughter Heather is in Uganda? Her mom Lynn is visiting with her right now and together they summited Mount Kilimanjaro at 19,300 feet!!!

It is the highest mountain in Africa. In the meantime Roger and the family dog keep the home fires burning and go skiing together. Can hardly wait to hear details from Lynn. Stay warm.

Andover

By Jane C. Rich



If you wondered why there was no column last week, the reason was a very scary set of circumstances in which I had a chance to reflect on phrases we often hear such as life is fragile and you never know when you will find yourself in a

life threatening situation. Doing my usual Saturday morning chores, I loaded up the car for the transfer station, closed the truck, and caught my shoe on the tiniest piece of ice you can imagine, fell, hit my head on a 2x4 and said to myself, "This is not going to be good because I can't get up on my knees," so I scooted over to the kitchen door thinking I could get my cell phone off the table. No such luck, it wasn't there, scooted back to the car, tried to hit the on star button and couldn't make it work. This whole trying to save myself affair took about two hours. It was then I drew the conclusion that I might freeze to death in my own garage. So I prayed this prayer, "God I can't imagine you want my life to end being frozen to death in this garage." Upon uttering the prayer, I had the inspiration to roll myself down the driveway to the road, where upon Esau and Amber Cooper found me, called 911 and I was rescued further by nurse passerby Andrea Swasey, the Andover Rescue Squad and eventually Med-Care. I figured they would thaw me out and I'd be back home in a few hours. The frost bite was much worse and I ended up in the ICU and I'm still recovering and confined to home.

My sincere thanks to all who helped me, the Rumford ER staff, Sharon Hutchins, who stayed with me the first few days and Louise and Dave Botkus for so many kind deeds as well as to all who sent cards and those who prayed for me.

Having been house-bound, I am not in possession of much town news, but I did hear that the Public Hearing regarding the tax maps was very good for those in attendance and for Jon Giles from Sebago Techniques and some further problems were resolved.

Also The Snow Valley Sno-Goers are having a meeting on Wednes-



BEHIND THE COUNTER-Lillian Brooks (left) has been helping customers at Brooks Brothers in Bethel for the past four years. Lori McPherson (right) has worked there off and on for a dozen years. Lori has kept coming back, she said, "because I feel like I'm home." Both women said they enjoy the people who come into the store, and have met travelers from all over the world. "They come for things they can't get at home," said Laurie. (Note: Any area businesses that would like to have a photo featuring an employee "Behind the Counter" may call the Citizen at 824-2444 or e-mail news@bethelcitizen.com.)

CORRECTION

ITEM ON JIM YOUNG-An item submitted by Jim Young for last week's Bethel town column should have said, "They met Andreea Carver and Stacie Ehrig." There were production errors.

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Feb. 17

At 9:04 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of someone passing 'fake' money at a business in Bethel. The incident was under investigation.

At 11:04 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of possible criminal mischief and trespassing on Paradise Road in Bethel. The complainant did not wish to press charges. A verbal trespass warning was issued.

At 11:14 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney took a report of harassment in Bethel. The suspect was contacted and given a verbal cease-harassment warning.

At 4:49 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker received a report of intoxicated subjects in a parking lot on Main Street in Bethel. On arrival the vehicle was no longer there and a search of the village produced no contact.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

At 9:25 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham stopped a vehicle on the Bear River Road in Newry. The driver was given a summons for attaching false plates and a traffic citation for failing to provide evidence of insurance.

At 2:13 p.m. Deputies Andy Whitney and Chris McAllister conducted a traffic detail on Mayville Road in Bethel focusing on the 'Move Over' law for emergency vehicles.

Friday, Feb. 20

At 10:47 a.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded to a harassment complaint in Bethel. A cease-harassment notice was issued.

At 4:56 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer, fire departments and rescue responded to a structure fire on the South Arm Road in Andover.

Saturday, Feb. 21

At 2:48 p.m. a caller reported a two-vehicle accident with no injuries at the intersection of Martin's Lane and Route 26 in Bethel. Sgt. Tim Holland responded.

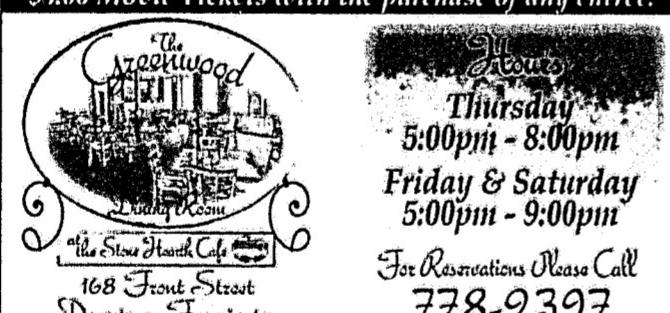
At 4:03 p.m. a caller reported a car-snowmobile accident on Mayville Road in Bethel. A subject on the sled had a cut hand, but had left.

At 6:56 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland was asked to assist with an intoxicated subject at a Bethel business. She was given a ride home.

Monday, Feb. 23

At 10:48 a.m. Lt. Tom Harriman received a sex offense complaint that may have occurred several years ago in Bethel. An investigation was planned.

\$3.00 Movie Tickets with the purchase of any entree.



OCSD Jail Log

Feb. 18, 11 p.m.: Benjamin L. Brown, 32, of Lovell, probation violation; by Trooper Jason Wing in Gilead.

Feb. 20, 11:04 p.m.: John N. Anderson, 48, of Falmouth, OUI, operating without a license; by Deputy Steve Witham in Bethel.

Feb. 21, 9:41 p.m.: Scott H. Haas, 43, of Woodstock, operating after suspension; by Trooper Ron Turnick in Woodstock.

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quent questions for the Select Board members last week about an hour. There seemed to be no particular interest by those present at the meeting to proceed with withdrawal after some of the pros and cons were brought to light. Educational alternatives were unclear and the options would have to be explored.

Stratton emphasized that the withdrawal process itself would be extensive and potentially costly as it would likely involve educational consultants, attorneys and research. It was determined that further information about the Town's options may be obtained in a subsequent meeting with RSU10 School Director Linda Beaudoin and local legislators. This meeting will likely take place following the April Select Board meeting. (Full coverage of last week's meeting may be found in the Feb. 19 issue of the Bethel Citizen.) To learn more, please stay tuned for date and time of subsequent meetings regarding this matter. It was agreed that no action would take place at this juncture as there seemed to be a lack of interest to pursue withdrawal.

Snowmobile enthusiasts are finally enjoying the abundance of fluffy white on Hanover, Rumford and Andover trails. Local club volunteers work diligently to mark and groom trails for your safety and riding pleasure. Show your support by joining one or more area clubs. Your membership helps to keep the clubs afloat and contributes to the maintenance and fueling of grooming equipment. In addition, donations are appreciated for these non-profit organizations. For more information follow the two local clubs on Facebook under "Andover Trails" or "Rumford Polar Bears".

Blustery winds and drifting snow left some Howard Pond residents snowbound for a day or two. One resident commented that she didn't mind being housebound and enjoyed the solitude, peace, and beauty of the surrounding winter white - or should I say green? High winds had covered the drifts with pine needles, cones and branches requiring raking the snow before starting up the snow blower!

Regardless of the frigid temps and biting wind, the recently heard chickadees' call reassures us that spring will soon be here. Once you've shoveled and scraped and raked and blown, take a moment to appreciate the beauty of the season. Look and listen for the wonders of winter in Maine. You will be amazed!

Newry

By Doug Webster

At last week's Select Board meeting, Chairman of the Planning Board, Pat Roma, asked the Board for advice in dealing with subdivisions that have

reached their expiration date according to the town's Unified Development Review Ordinance. He feels that the UDRO does not address the situation well and would like some clarification, possibly from the town's lawyer.

The Town Office is looking into the possibility of switching banks. There seems to be quite a difference in the rates and fees charged by different banks. One option that sounded nice has the ability to pay taxes online with a credit card. That would be a great help, especially for folks from out of town/country.

The public hearing that was held after the Select Board meeting was again poorly attended. The hearing was to have discussion on some planning board ordinance changes, as well as two new ordinances: a road entrance ordinance and a parking ordinance. The town was told that they need to have a parking ordinance in place so if they choose to put up "No Parking" signs in the town, they would be enforceable.

Do not forget: Monday, March 2 the polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote for a Selectman and School Board members. Then on March 3 is the annual Town Meeting. As always, there is a potluck dinner at the Grange Hall at 5:30 p.m. Don't miss out on the good food and some time for some good community fellowship.

The Town Office wants to remind people that a lot of trailer registrations come due in February, so check your trailer.

The School Withdrawal committee will meet Thursday, Feb. 26 (tonight) at 5 p.m. Come find out for yourself what's going on. That way, you can draw your own conclusion.

One last thing - I am wondering if anybody else has a robin at their feeder. I've been feeding one lone robin. The poor thing looks so out of place. He sure does gobble up the seeds. There is probably not enough protein in his diet. Maybe I should buy him some worms!

Have a great week!
dwebster@megalink.net.

Locke's Mills

By Betsey Foster

A special Town Meeting to decide whether or not to purchase a new pump engine for the Greenwood Fire Department will be held March 3, 6 p.m., at the Town Office. Town Manager Kim Sparks said that she hopes a request will be made at the meeting for the voting to be by secret ballot. The question would authorize the purchase and limit the cost of the new engine to \$35,000.

We own a second engine, and that is in the Greenwood City station. Sparks said if that one was used as the main fire truck, it would leave those houses in the City without a truck.

The status of the fire department is being discussed by the Budget Committee members. One option considered in the past has been to build a new station beside the highway department facility on the Greenwood Road. That would eliminate the current situation of having two fire stations each with its own engine. We have one station in Locke's Mills as well as one in Greenwood City.

Another option that has been considered in the past is merging the Greenwood and Woodstock departments.

The state is reducing revenue sharing, and that will increase the local share of the budget (in other words, your property taxes would increase). If the state gets its way, we are going to need to be innovative in controlling/reducing our budget to keep our already-high property taxes under control.

The next Greenwood Budget Committee meeting will be held March 5, 6 p.m., at the Town Office.

As to the status of the recycling center and the conversion to single-stream recycling, Sparks said the only thing that is holding it up now is for the building to be moved so it is in line with where the electrical connection is. She said Dave Berry, who built the structure, will be doing that.

The personnel issue at the Greenwood Fire Department has been resolved. Firefighter Fabian Corriveau has been placed on probation for six months, according to Sparks.

New birds are showing up in the area. Folks have reported flocks of Bohemian waxwings eating the frozen fruit on crab apple trees. I saw a robin in Bethel last weekend.

It was above freezing last Sunday. The first time in almost two months. If you were not able to get outside and enjoy the warm temperatures, take heart. There will probably be another day above freezing before July 4.

This week's sign of change to come: We now have over 11 hours of daylight.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

South Woodstock

By Lolalee Dillingham

 Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m. Good morning to y'all, 26 degrees here this morning, snow showers with a heavy overcast.

Condolences are going out to the families of Ardine A. Pulsifer, Emily Pike and Fred Estes. Thoughts and prayers to each family member on loss of their loved ones.

Get well wishes are going out to the many who are not feeling well these past few weeks.

So much snow and no place to put it and they are predicting more, this is certainly gonna be one February that we will not

soon forget.

Celebrating birthdays in March are Kathy Bartlett, Andrea Lane, Christine Hanscom, Pat Plante, Rachal Severance, Jim McLellan, Harold Wilbur, Mark Thurlow, Jessie Hart, Warren Libby, Betty Foster, Nancy Wardwell, Elaine Gammon, Melissa Hilligoss, Eileen Mowett, Gail Bennett, Amander Corriveau, Lainey Cross, Chris Lamb, Ginny Brown, Rachel Henry, Natasha Hodson, Meagan Hodson, Carol Ann Fogg, Janice Walker, Joyce Hathaway and Ruby Coolidge. Wishing each of you a great day on your special day.

The towns are to be complimented on doing a great job with their roads during these back to back storms and the drivers are getting over extended on their sleep and rest, our prayers to each one that takes care of our roads in such conditions.

Doctor appointments for us this week and hopefully we have no storms that day. I so hate traveling on the snow and ice covered roads.

We got our roof shoveled off last week and that makes me feel better. So many roofs have collapsed due to all that snow and ice.

We have postponed our practices several times due to the storms and road conditions. We are hoping for better weather for Saturday so we can get a practice in, as Paula has to travel up from Lewiston and there are times when the roads can be bad.

That's all from the valley this week. Take care and stay well.

Upton

By Joe Bernier

 Carol and Charlie provided a great lunch Sunday for all who came to the Ladies Aid Building.

The menu included several kinds of sandwiches, a variety of soups, chili and lobster bisque. There was also a nice selection of desserts.

I dedicated most of my time last week to recreation. Mostly snowmobile riding. I rode with a variety of people, including my daughter, friends from Hampton, N.H. and some local friends. All the trails we rode were in great shape. My thanks to all you dedicated hard working groomers out there.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 27 at the Town Office at 7 p.m.

Waterford

By Rockie Graham

 That was a nice day of warmth, but we sure had to pay for it on Monday. It didn't start out too bad, but as the day wore on it got colder and colder. Ms Piggy really didn't want to go out again. She was finally convinced that that was the way to go.

After days of a teenage

Bethel Rescue launches 'Sand for Seniors'

The members of Bethel Ambulance Service have introduced a new community outreach program called "Sand for Seniors." In recognition of the challenges facing seniors citizens during the winter months, rescue members will begin distributing buckets of sand when they are called to senior's homes.

Bethel Seniors Group president Fran Head applauded the members of Bethel Rescue for identifying this need and distributing the one gallon buckets at the February meeting. "I couldn't be more proud to live in a community where our EMTs and Paramedics take time out of busy rescue shifts in order to speak with senior citizens about health issues, take our blood pressure, and now provide us with sand for our doorways. I can't thank them enough for being available 24/7 for emergencies, and also for all of the work they do to prevent injuries before they even occur."

Advanced EMT Clarke Reiner proposed the idea at the rescue meeting in January, and was pleased to see the program come together within a few short weeks. The buckets were generously donated by Western Maine Supply.

Selectman Stanley Howe is also supportive of the initiative, saying "Bethel Rescue has once more shown how caring they are by this project which should greatly assist the town's seniors in avoiding falls on ice and snow."

Bethel EMTs and Paramedics have actively participated in monthly blood pressure clinics, offered a scholarship for graduating seniors, safety tours for schools, and distributed glow sticks at the Crescent Park Halloween parade. In addition to 911 responses, Chief David Hanscom recently learned that Bethel Rescue has become a Gold HeartSafe Community.

The HeartSafe Community Award is a statewide recognition for EMS agencies which increase the number of defibrillators, as well as introduce outreach programming. Bethel Ambulance Service was named a "gold level" recipient of the award.

(heaven)!, we are finally alone in our nice quiet house. It is even quieter than usual as the TVs don't work. The antenna blew down last week and the new one doesn't seem to work. Dave has been too busy snow blowing to pay attention to it. Channel 8 is all we have and we are not too happy. Guess for now it is public radio for me.

This is the last weekend in February and not much appears to be happening. It is only two weeks before the time changes - March 8. Not sure how I feel about that, but it means I will be able to stay out a little later. Still won't be able to stay and play with the big guys, but it will be better. Now if it would just warm up a little ... This cold wind blowing is a little old.

Condolences go out to the Pike Family. Wayne Pike died suddenly last week of a heart attack. It is sad. Our hearts go out to Paula and the boys.

Mon. March 2 Socrates' Cafe will be held at the Waterford Library from 6:30-8:30. The moderator will be Bart Hague. The topic is: Does Climate Change Change Everything. Light refreshments will be served. FMI for snow dates and other info. 583-6957.

March 3 is Sadie's Birthday. She will be 18. Watch out world.

Wed. March 4, 4 p.m. there will be a lecture on Evolution of a Garden at McLaughlin Garden, 108 Main St., South Paris. It will be presented by Rex Biesel and Craig Cote.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and safe.

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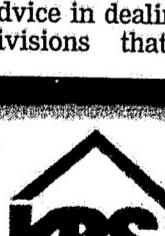
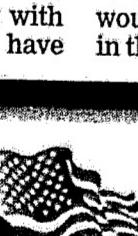
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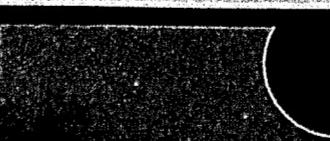
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Sports

SIMARD QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS

SIMARD QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS Maddie Simard, one of Gould's day students from Newry, has qualified as one of the 15 high school athletes headed to the USSA U-18 National Championships this week at Copper Mountain, Colo. The USSA U-18 National Championships take place from Feb. 27 until March 6, and is an exhibit of the best of the best in Alpine ski racing for students ages 16 to 18. Students who qualify for this event will compete for a National title in slalom, giant slalom, downhill, and super G races. Maddie is the daughter of Kurt and Lauren Simard; Kurt Simard is a Gould Competition Program coach.

According to Coach Parker Gray, "Qualifying to this event is tough—the Eastern Region takes 20 males and 15 females."

Half the spots are chosen by point ranking and the other half are chosen by performance. Maddie qualified based on her Super-G and Downhill results."

Gould Academy



Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League

LBI First in Regular Season—Laid Back Installers are the regular season first place entry as they secured that position with a 70-65 victory over Ranor Mechanical. LBI (11-0) was solid on defense all game and although the leads switched back and forth, their energy and speed was the deciding factor. Balanced scoring was evident as Eric Canwell and Chris Baxter led their team with 17 points each. Jon Benjamin added 15 and Brian Canwell added 11 more. Ranor was paced by Nate Carson's 20 points. Scot New was next with 17; Aaron St. Pierre had 13 and Craig Milledge, 11. In other games, Archie's (5-5) forfeited to The Matterhorn (6-4), while Bethel (3-7) was off. Also Jay made use of its bottom seeded match up and pummeled Neptune, 119-63. Jay (2-8) was led by Zeth Reilly with 43 points, while Dave St. Germain had 26, Zane Armand 21, Tim Turner 17 and Nick Weeks 12. Neptune (0-10) had 4 players in double figures, Josh Shaw with 19, Jessie Cross 16, TJ Swan 12 and Gary Holman 10. On Sunday March 1, Ranor draws a bye, Neptune plays Archie's at 10 a.m., Bethel plays Jay at 11:30 and LBI and Matterhorn finish at 1 p.m.



THANKS, COACH—Coach Mike Pelletier opens a gift from the Bethel Rec Basketball teams at the CPS gym. The season ended this past Saturday. The kids and parents said they appreciate the job Mike and the Telstar High School students did with the children.

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Winter Kids March 7/8 at Mt. Abram

The 2015 WinterKids Downhill 24 is less than 2 weeks away! The 24-hour team ski race and fundraiser supports WinterKids in helping children develop healthy, lifelong habits through fun, outdoor winter activity. Now, WinterKids is pleased to announce that the D24 Kickoff and Pre-Registration Party will be taking place on Thursday, Feb. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Portland Pie Company in Portland! Skiers and snowboarders are invited to sign up for the Downhill 24 and receive a pint of Shipyard beer included as part of their registration fee. Those who have already signed up are invited to come and find out what's in store for this year's event. Portland Pie Company will generously donate \$1 from every pizza and \$1 from every Shipyard

at each of its Maine locations to WinterKids. The 2015 WinterKids Downhill 24 is March 7 and 8 at Mt. Abram in Greenwood. The noon to noon event is unlike any other in Maine. Last year, more than 250 participants skied or snowboarded to help raise \$58,000 for WinterKids programs. This year's event is slated to exceed that amount and promises to be the biggest all-night ski party of the year. In addition to 24 hours of straight skiing (technically 23 hours of skiing with the clock springing forward), there will be great food, amazing prizes, and entertainment to motivate skiers and riders for the duration of the event.

The WinterKids Downhill 24 welcomes all levels of skiers and snowboarders who want to ski, ride and have

a blast all to support Maine kids. Registration is open to the first 400 individuals and private or corporate teams of up to 12 participants. Each individual team member may register for \$25 and then has until 5 p.m. on March 7 to raise another \$175. The entry fee for corporate teams is \$1,500 for a team of 8, with a \$100 fee for each additional team member up to 12. Each individual and team will receive a unique fundraising page through CrowdRise, and there will be prizes awarded for those who raise the most money for WinterKids.

The WinterKids Downhill 24 is presented by Kittery Trading Post and supported by The Thomas Agency, Portland Pie Company, Sysco Northern New England, and WEX. To register and to learn about additional sponsorship opportunities, visit D24.org.

WinterKids is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to help children develop healthy, lifelong habits through fun, outdoor winter activity. This year, as we celebrate our 15th anniversary, WinterKids will reach 20,000 Maine children through our family programs, school programs, and community events. WinterKids' Major Community Sponsor is Hannaford. WinterKids' Supporting Sponsors are TD Bank and L.L. Bean. Learn more at WinterKids.org.

Ian Blair presentation rescheduled for March 4

The Western Mountains Senior College's Down Home Maine program with Ian Blair has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. Blair recently attended the TED Global conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and will discuss being part of this high-energy gathering

and meeting presenters and attendees from all over the world. This presentation – part of WMSC's traditional Down Home Maine program and open to the public, free of charge – precedes the Senior College's TED Talks class by a week, but is completely separate.

For more background, visit www.ted.com.

Supermarket Strategies Topic of Senior College Program March 5

Cathi DiCocoa, local professional chef, celebrates National Nutrition Month with a program on "Supermarket Strategies" to be held on Thursday, March 5, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel, sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC).

The theme of National Nutrition Month 2015 is "Bite into a Healthy Lifestyle," and DiCocoa will help the audience make informed food choices by taking them on a "trip to the supermarket." She posed the question: "How do you go in a grocery store and make it work for you?" She said grocery stores are designed in a certain way with the healthiest food on the outside aisles. She will explain how to negotiate the aisles; eat healthy and

affordably; choose organic or non-organic; compare store and name brands; and check supermarket labeling. She added, "Never go to the store hungry and always bring a list."

DiCocoa also plans to give a food demonstration with samples and recipes available. Among her handouts, she will include the newest regulations on food labeling and what foods should always be eaten organic.

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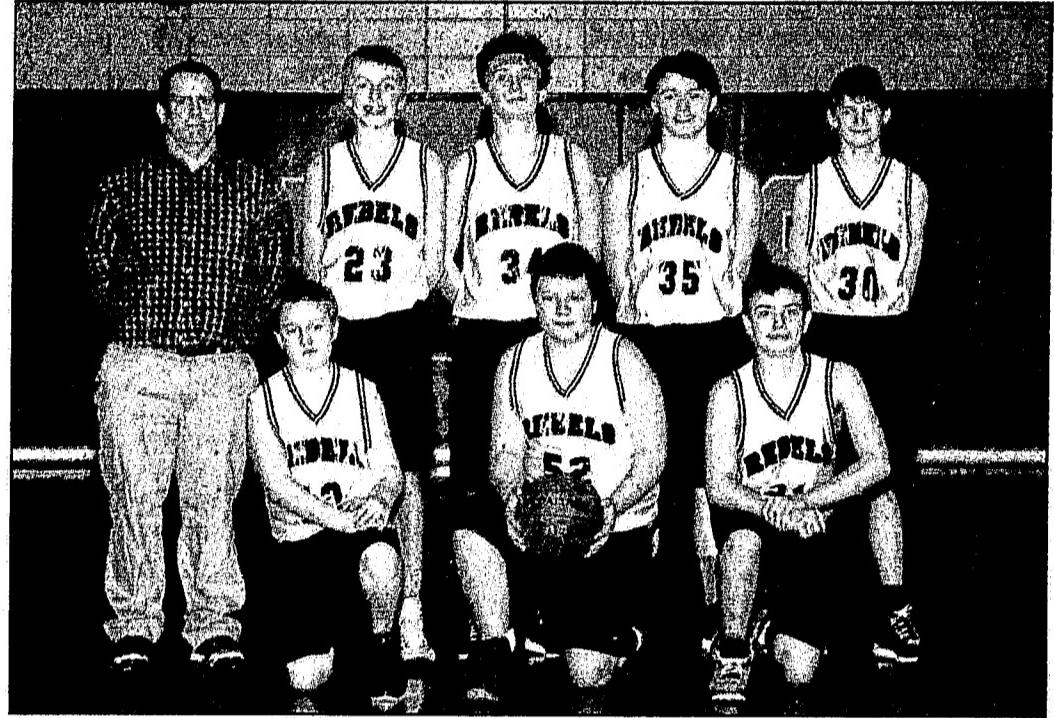
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Front: Crystal Chapman & Hattie Doyle. Middle: Aneah Bartlett, Caroline Newell, Calla Orino, Payton Abbott, Kaitly Turnick, Nicole Berry. Back: Coach David Berry, Lucinda Rothwell, Madison Roberts, Julia Cherkes, Sadie Richardson, Brooke Richardson, Hannah Evans, Manager Alivia Chappie.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS' J.V. BASKETBALL

Front: Ella Kellogg, Madeline Hallett, Brooklyn Kimball. Middle: Ryleigh Hastings, Lydia Bennett, Ellen Files, Shelby Thorman. Back: Tabitha Hanks, Madisyn Buck, Emalee Coffin, Krysten Morse, Lillian Botka, Coach Amy Stevens.



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Front: Colby Marriott, Devin Cole, Toby Walker. Back: Coach Tim O'Connor, Ryan Beckerman, Thomas Watson, Bradley Lessard, Finnian McLaughlin.



TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' J.V. BASKETBALL

Front: Dillon Smith, Austin Westleigh, Darren LeClair. Middle: Cain Shatzer, Asa Hall, Orion Fournier, Ted Doyle. Back: Coach David Hanson, Max Kruse, Matt Rice, Liam Childs, Mario Devivo, Asa Milot. Absent: Davin Mason, Marvel Ayotte.

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Winter Cowboy 5k to benefit Teens to Trails

Baxter Outdoors, the outdoor adventure arm of Baxter Brewing Company (Lewiston) will conclude its 2015 Packed Powder Series with the first annual Winter Cowboy 5k Snowshoe & Snowrun race at Mt. Abram on Saturday, March 14.

The race will consist of a 5km loop on snow-covered trails around the base of the ski area and will begin and end at the Mt. Abram base lodge. Piggybacking off of Mt. Abram's pre-existing Wild West Festival, racers are encouraged to don their best cowboy costumes for the race. Prizes will be awarded to top finishers as well as best dressed. Stick around after the race for live country music in the base lodge.

The event's corporate sponsor, Delorme, will be donating \$1 per mile covered in the race to Teens for Trails, a Maine non-profit dedicated to increasing the opportunities for Maine teens to experience the outdoors through a variety of programs that promote high school Outing Clubs across the State.

Day of registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Mt. Abram base lodge with the race beginning promptly at 8:45a.m. Online (discounted) entry is available at www.baxteroutdoors.com. Mt. Abram is also offering a deluxe package, including race entry, a lift ticket, a burger and a beer for \$59 and available only online.

Upcoming "Maine in the Civil War" Events

In March, two special events will take place in connection with the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a year-long collaboration between Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association. On Wednesday, March 4, at 7 p.m., the final book discussion of "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place upstairs at the Bethel Library.

Author, Doug Rawlings of Chesterville will once again be the facilitator. If you couldn't make any of the previous meetings, then don't miss the last! On Saturday,

March 28, the Bethel Historical Society will host a combination Local & Legendary/Women's History Month program entitled "Women Soldiers of the Civil War." The event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Dr. Moses Mason House and will feature a film showing followed by a discussion. The free program is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association are bringing local Civil War history to life thanks to a \$2,000 grant awarded by the Maine Historical Society (MHS) and Maine Humanities Council (MHC).

Part of a joint MHS and MHC project funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the program aims to bring Maine libraries and educational and historical organizations together to explore local Civil War history and engage their communities. Bethel is one of five communities in Maine to receive the grant in the second and final round of project awards.

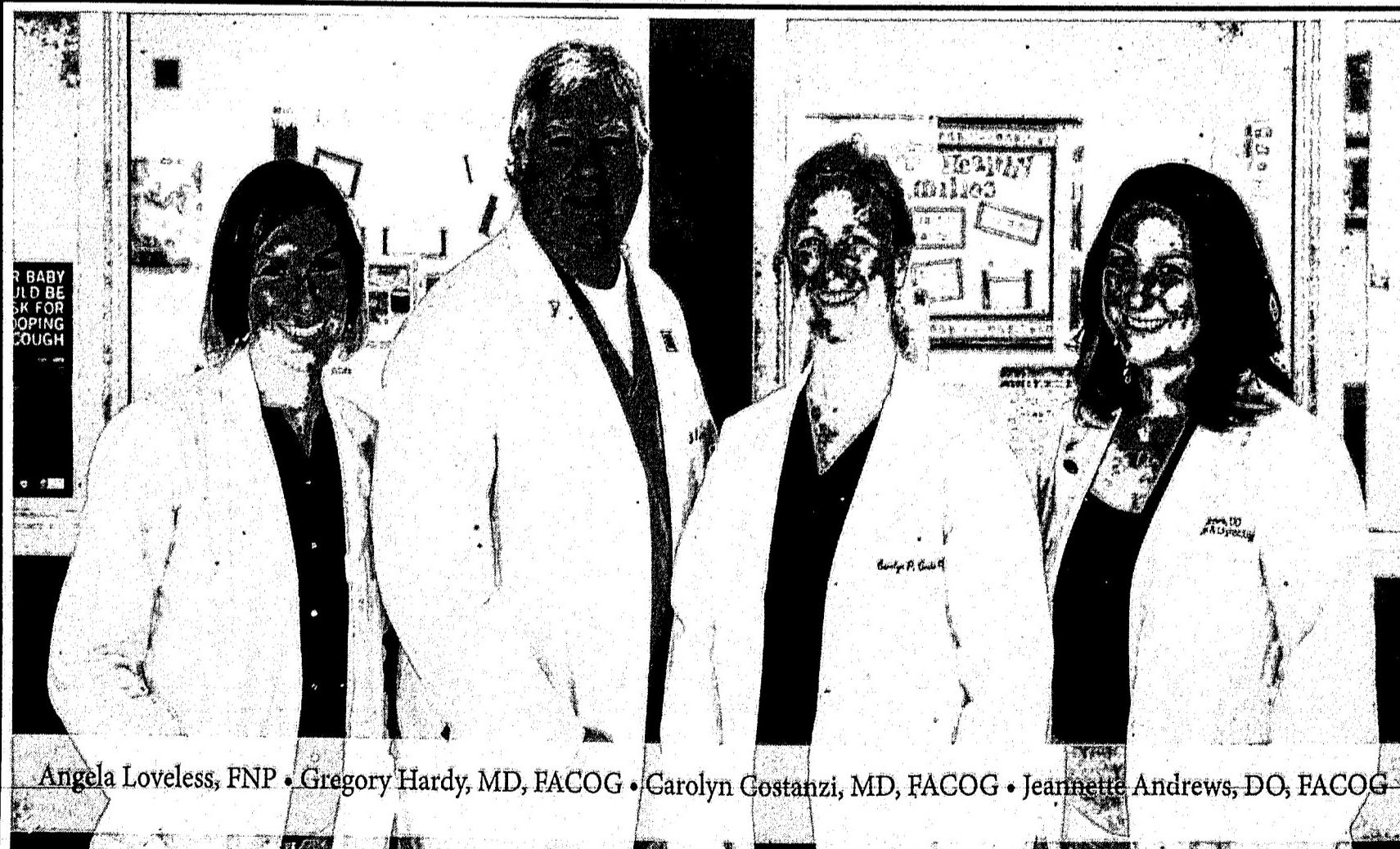
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Society Loans Rare Book

As part of its continuing effort to share its collections with other institutions and the general public, the Bethel Historical Society has loaned the original record book of the White Mountain Club of Portland (1873-1884) — North America's second mountaineering organization — to the Museum of the White Mountains at Plymouth State University for their upcoming exhibition, "Trail Clubs: Connecting People with the Mountains." Curated by Steve Smith, Mike Dickerman, and Ben Amsden, the display opens at Plymouth, N.H., on March 31 and runs through March 6, 2016. Designed to enhance visitors' knowledge and appreciation of the important role trail clubs have played in creating an iconic hiking trail system in the White Mountain region from 1873 to today, the exhibition will include a full-scale, hand-crafted log shelter donated by John Nininger, owner of the Wooden House Co., Ltd., Newbury, Vt. Following the exhibition, the shelter will be dismantled and rebuilt by the Cohos Trail Association along their long-distance trail in Northern New Hampshire, continuing the age-old tradition of trail clubs bringing volunteers together to benefit the hiking community.



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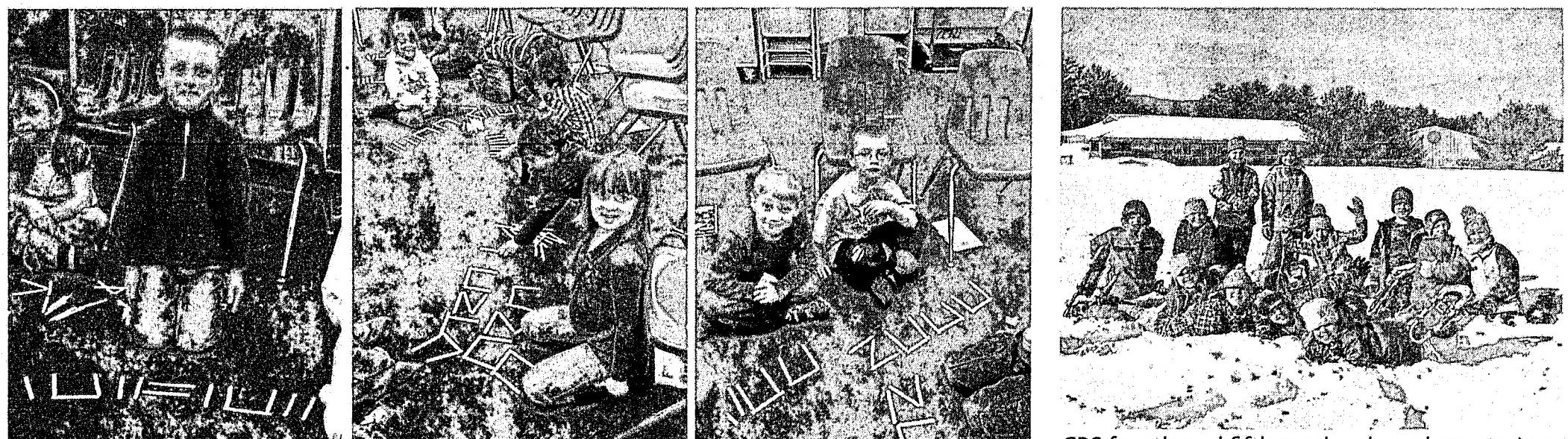
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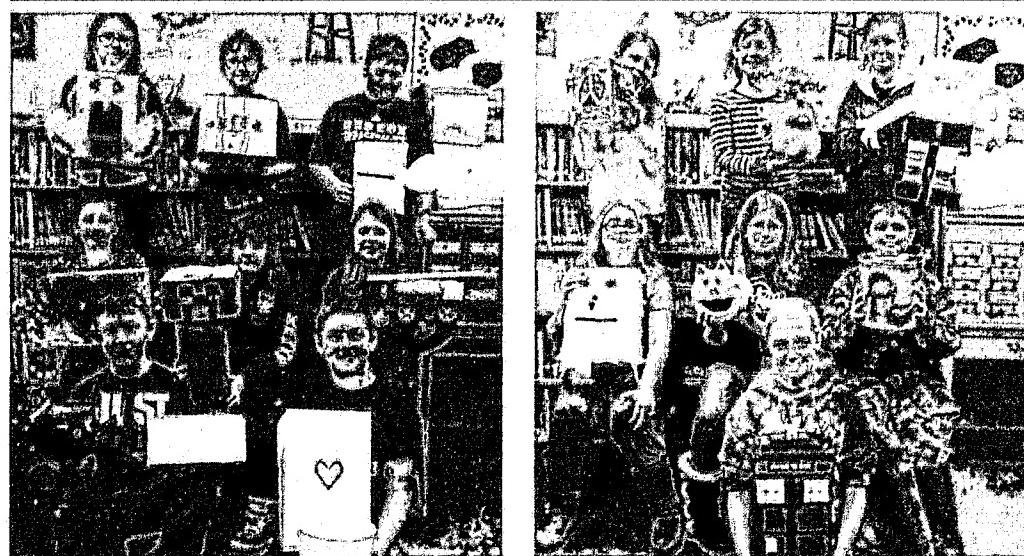
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CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY

CPS fourth graders had a presentation from the Maine Energy education Program where they made apple batteries, and powered fans with wind power and solar power.



In music class, CPS Kindergarten students have been learning rhythms with quarter notes, quarter rests, and eighth notes. They made different patterns of these with popsicle sticks.

WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY

Fifth grade students recently created Valentine boxes where classmates could easily deliver their Valentine cards. The project required measuring, designing, and writing procedural directions.

First Photo: Top row left to right: Natasha Mason, Madisyn Bean, Matt Dillon. Middle: Cheyenne Palmer, Haylee Voyer, Brianna Benson. Front: Trenton Swallow, Brayden Stevens.

Second Photo: Top row left to right: Ella Tilsley, Emma Evans, Kevin Luz. Middle: Ava Hopps, Maggie Black, Andrew Leighton. Front: Grace Boothby.



Pictured left to right back row: Chyenne Palmer, Haylee Voyee, Emma Evans, Natasha Mason, Maggie Bean. Middle row: Trenton Swallow, Andrew Leighton, Ava Hopps, Matt Dillon, Maggie Black, Grace Boothby. Front row: Brianna Benson, Brayden Stevens, Kevin Luz, Ella Tilsley.

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ANDOVER ELEMENTARY

Andover Elementary School had their annual geography bee. The following students were finalists and completed at the school level. Tucker Day, Michael Farrington, Kevin Nowak, Emma Clukey, Maecy Dixon, Isabell Casey. The winner was Maecy Dixon. She received a medal and certificate.

TELSTAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

January Super Stars at TMS: 6th grader, Utah Bean; 8th grader, Georgia Piawlock; 7th grader, Emma Kruse.

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District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; serving the residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton and Woodstock. The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon to 8 p.m. Anyone in need of food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street, Bethel, by the side entrance on Park Street.

Caregiver Support Group; Second Tuesday of the month, 10 to 11:30 a.m., West Paris Town Office, 26 Kingsbury Street. This group is for anyone caring for a family member or friend with memory loss. New members may join at any time. Free and open to the public. FMI: SeniorsPlus (1-800-427-1241).

Felted Art Exhibit; The Norway Memorial Library invites the public to view a felted art exhibit by Marty Elkin of A Wrinkle in Thyme Farm through February 2015 during the library's open hours. Elkin's felted art is inspired by her work on the farm, nature, and animals. All the wool used in the art work is from the farm's sheep and Elkin dyes the wool herself. For more information please visit the library's web site www.norway.lib.me.us or call at 743-5309 ext. 1.

"Civil War Stories" Book Discussion; A book discussion on "Civil War Stories" by Ambrose Bierce will take place at the Bethel Library March 4 at 7 p.m., led by Doug Rawlings, representing the Maine Historical Society and The Maine Humanities Council. Books are available at the Bethel Library. The discussion is part of the "Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War" project, a joint effort by Gould Academy, the Bethel Historical Society and the Bethel Library Association.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Fourth Thursday Poetry Program; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Bring a poem, your own or a favorite poet's, to read aloud and discuss. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. FMI: 364-3661.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Saturday, Feb. 28

Lake Umbagog Fishing Derby; \$20 fee enters you for four prizes and the largest fish caught in each category. Signup is 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Gary and Roxanne's ice shack straight off the boat launch on the point at Sargent Cove. Fish registration is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Full Moon Hike; 5:30 to 8 p.m., Mt. Abram. Mt. Abram staff will transport skis and boards to the top so participants can enjoy the hike to the top and then ski/ride to the bottom by the light of the full moon. Post-hike music with Skosh begins at 8 p.m. in Loose Boots Lounge.

Sunday, March 1

Bethel Senior Citizen Reservation Deadline; Last day to make reservations for the March 11 Bethel Senior Citizens meeting. FMI: See full listing under March 11.

Monday, March 2

Newry secret ballot to elect a selectman and two School Board directors; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Office.

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Does Climate Change Change Everything?" Moderator: Bart Hague. Light refreshments provided. FMI/Snow Dates: 583-6957.

Tuesday, March 3

Oxford Pomona Grange 2 Meeting; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting, Norway Grange, Winter Street. Madcap March is the literacy program.

Newry Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Wednesday, March 4

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Rex Beisel and Craig Cote will present "Evolution of a Garden," describing how they landscaped their property and made room for hundreds of varieties of daylilies. Free and open to the public.

WMSC Down Home Maine Program; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Gould Academy's McLaughlin Auditorium. Ian Blair recently attended the TED Global conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and will discuss being part of this high-energy gathering and meeting presenters and attendees from all over the world. This presentation is part of WMSC's traditional Down Home Maine program and is open to the public, free of charge.

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting; 6 p.m. at the clubhouse off Route 5, Andover.

Thursday, March 5

Social Media Workshop; 9 to 10:30 a.m., the Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad Street. Linda Varrell, Founder and President of Broadreach Public Relations, will provide an in-depth look at creating content on social media that is memorable, attracts, engages and delights, resulting in likes, fans, follows and leads. Through the lens of multiple platforms (i.e., Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest, Instagram, Facebook), Linda will discuss aspects of social media marketing from developing a story to publishing content across all social media channels. \$25 for Oxford County chamber members, \$30 for non-chamber. FMI/Registration: www.wmedc.org or [Mia.Purcell@community-concepts.org](mailto:mia.purcell@community-concepts.org).

WMSC "To Your Health" Presentation; 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Congregational Church, downstairs hall. To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College will hold a program on "Supermarket Strategies" presented by Cathi DiCocoa, local professional chef. DiCocoa will also give a food demonstration with samples and recipes. Public invited, admission free. FMI contact Rosabelle Tiffet at 824-2053.

Open Mic/Pizza Night with the Shadagee Ramblers; 6 p.m., Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

March 5 and 12

First Aid and CPR; 6 to 9 p.m. March 5 and 6 to 9:30 p.m. March 12. Jeannine Thornton teaches these classes at the Bethel Family Health Center. CPR includes; adult, child & infant CPR; obstructed airway. First Aid includes; burns, controlling bleeding, broken bones, poisoning, soft tissue injuries, heat & cold exposure, bandaging. You will receive a 3-year certificate in First Aid and a 1-year certificate in CPR.

Friday, March 6

World Day of Prayer; 2 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel. Sponsored by the Bethel Methodist Church and Episcopal House Church. FMI: Caroline Gould (824-3226). Snow date: Friday, March 13.

Saturday, March 7

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

The Corvettes Doo Wop Revue; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. Some of the great hits you might expect to hear at a Corvettes concert include Come Go with Me, Earth Angel, Rock Around The Clock, and many more! Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Preorder online at www.fryeburgacademy.org/tickets or by calling the box office at 207-935-9232.

Wednesday, March 11

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m. (doors open at 10:45), Crosstone Restaurant, Woodstock. Menu: Fish or chicken, \$10 per person. Reservations must be made prior to March 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877.

Friday, March 13

Alder River Grange 145 Meeting; 6 p.m. potluck, 7 p.m. meeting, Stan Hall's home.

Sunday, March 15

The Asylum Quartet; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Community Center for the Arts, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. Award-winning saxophone chamber group. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$8/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or [information@stkieranarts.org](http://stkieranarts.org).

Monday, March 16

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Does Climate Change Change Everything?" Moderator: Bart Hague. Light refreshments provided. FMI/Snow Dates: 583-6957.

Wednesday, March 18

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jean Potuchek will present "Garden Blogs: A Virtual Garden Club." Free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 21

Andover Town Meeting; 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Monday, March 23

Woodstock Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at Woodstock Elementary School.

Wednesday, March 25

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Pat Verrill will present "Growing Vegetables: Varieties and Tips." Free and open to the public.

Saturday, March 28

Bethel Rotary's 8th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting Event; 6 to 8 p.m., White Cap Lodge, Sunday River. \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI:

www.BethelRotary.org.

Gilead Town Meeting; 7 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Sunday, March 29

Bethel Rotary's Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Adults/\$7 (\$8 at the door), Children/\$3. Proceeds benefit greater Bethel Community projects and scholarships. FMI: www.BethelRotary.org.

Monday, March 30

Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, April 1

McLaughlin Garden Lecture; 4 p.m., 103 Main Street South Paris. Jessica Badone will present "Designing with Perennials." Free and open to the public.

Monday, April 6

Beginner Adult Tap; Crescent Park School. Have you ever wanted to learn to tap, but never got to do it? This is your chance to learn... come join us and let's Shuffle Off to Buffalo. \$60.

Bridget Whitman uses a graded system when she teaches dance and it starts at the beginning and moves to next level. She does tap barre-center floor combinations...and more.

Icarus, Presented by Liars & Believers; 7 p.m., Hebron Academy. \$15/adults, students 18 and under/free. Icarus features an original Americana score by Nathan Leigh (Song of Songs) and the fantastical puppetry by Faye Dupras. Conceived and Directed by Jason Slavick, Music and Lyrics by Nathan Leigh, Written by The LAB Ensemble Puppetry Design and Direction by Faye Dupras, Lighting and Set Design by Aaron Sherko, Costume Design by Kendra Bell. FMI: www.liarsandbelievers.com.

Tuesday, April 7

Icarus, Presented by Liars & Believers; 7 p.m., Gould Academy. \$15/adults, students 18 and under/free. To purchase tickets visit www.mahoosarts.org or call 824-3575. Icarus features an original Americana score by Nathan Leigh (Song of Songs) and the fantastical puppetry by Faye Dupras. Conceived and Directed by Jason Slavick, Music and Lyrics by Nathan Leigh, Written by The LAB Ensemble Puppetry Design and Direction by Faye Dupras, Lighting and Set Design by Aaron Sherko, Costume Design by Kendra Bell. FMI: www.liarsandbelievers.com.

Thursday, April 9

Ballroom Dancing; Have you always wanted to take a ballroom class or just want to refresh your memory? This class is for you. This is a 6 week adult class. You will learn the basics of waltz, tango, cha-cha, and swing. Come with a partner and dance the night away and have a great time with instructor Bridget Whitman. Tuition: \$75/couple, \$35/single. FMI/Registration: 824-2780.

Saturday, April 11

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

April 16 and 26

Hunter Safety - Firearms; Thursday, 6 to 9 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Telstar High School Library. Study includes proper operation and use of equipment, maps and compass; first aid and survival laws; and land-owner relations and ethics. Participants must be 10 years old or older; those 10-12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. \$10 per person. This is a Home Study course. Materials will be handed out and explained at the other class. Student must attend all classes. Limit 25. Call soon for this class fills up quickly! FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Saturday, May 9

American Legion Post 72 Indoor Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church Street, South Paris. To reserve your table, call Jean (743-7965). Yard sale tables are \$10, vendor tables are \$15. Lunch counter will be open, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. Come join the fun and help support the ladies auxiliary send three young ladies to Girl State.

May 15, 16 and 17

15th Annual Home Garden Flower Show, May Fair; Fryeburg Fairgrounds. Seven buildings filled with almost 300 plus booths on home and energy and 9 garden centers, garden artisans and crafters, plus five acres of outdoor products for the home and garden and other related businesses. The famous Meet the Chefs Cooking Series, Lodge Cast Iron Skillet Toss, Home and Garden Seminars, Kids activities and demonstrations. Guest speakers, fair food and more. General Admission \$10. Children 10 and under free. Group rates available. FMI: www.homegar-denflowershow.com or 800-359-2033.

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Regular meetings and events

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Bethel Bicycle/Western Maine Velo road cycling rides, departing from Bethel Bicycle. Please call 824-0100 for more information and/or go to our FB page, all rides are posted there.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076. (Note: the Bethel meeting has been discontinued until spring)

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library (currently discontinued until spring). FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at the Alliance Church on Route 26 in Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call 836-3575.

Greenwood

Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Outdoor Market at Northern Roots Grow Supply, 3 Bird Hill Rd., Greenwood. Vendors welcome at no charge. Until early September.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.- Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$8/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

Support services

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Candlelight Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Lauren Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

The Bethel Food Pantry serves residents of Albany, Andover, Bethel, East Bethel, West Bethel, Bryant Pond, Gilead, Greenwood, Hanover, Locke's Mills, Mason Township, Newry, Upton, and Woodstock.

The Food Pantry is open on the second Monday of each month from noon until 3 p.m. Anyone who needs food should come during those hours, without appointment. The Food Pantry is located in the basement of the Nazarene Church, 16 Church Street in Bethel by the side entrance.

Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355.

NORTH WATERFORD/STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish (North Waterford and East Stoneham) - Summer services at 9 a.m. in the North Waterford Church on Route 35 across from Melby's Eatery. On July 20 a special-and casual-church service will be held on the Fairgrounds during the Waterford World's Fair, with shuttle service available on site. In September, services will return to the East Stoneham Church, Route 5, and the regular hour of 10. All are welcome.

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 207-890-9944 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Nancy Moore. Sunday morning service 11 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris, Sunday

Service 8 a.m. Singsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 9 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI: 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI: 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI: 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite

trance on Park Street.

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a Maternity Group Home program for homeless pregnant and parenting youth ages 18-21 and Case Management services. Emergency shelter services include the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and their children and the Rumford Family Center for homeless families. To make a referral or to request assistance, please call 743-6363 in the Norway area or 369-9439 in the Rumford area Monday through Friday from 9am-5pm. For more information about Rumford Group Homes, Inc., call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (733-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

Library hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patry Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items: Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigil Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Worship Service, 9:30 a.m. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

Praise Assembly of God

Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, 8:30 a.m., followed by coffee

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – COOKIE INGREDIENTS

- Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list.
- Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What song did they play when the cookie got married?

ALMONDS

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Riddle answer: For more puzzle fun, go to www.brainzzles.com

SCRAMBLERS

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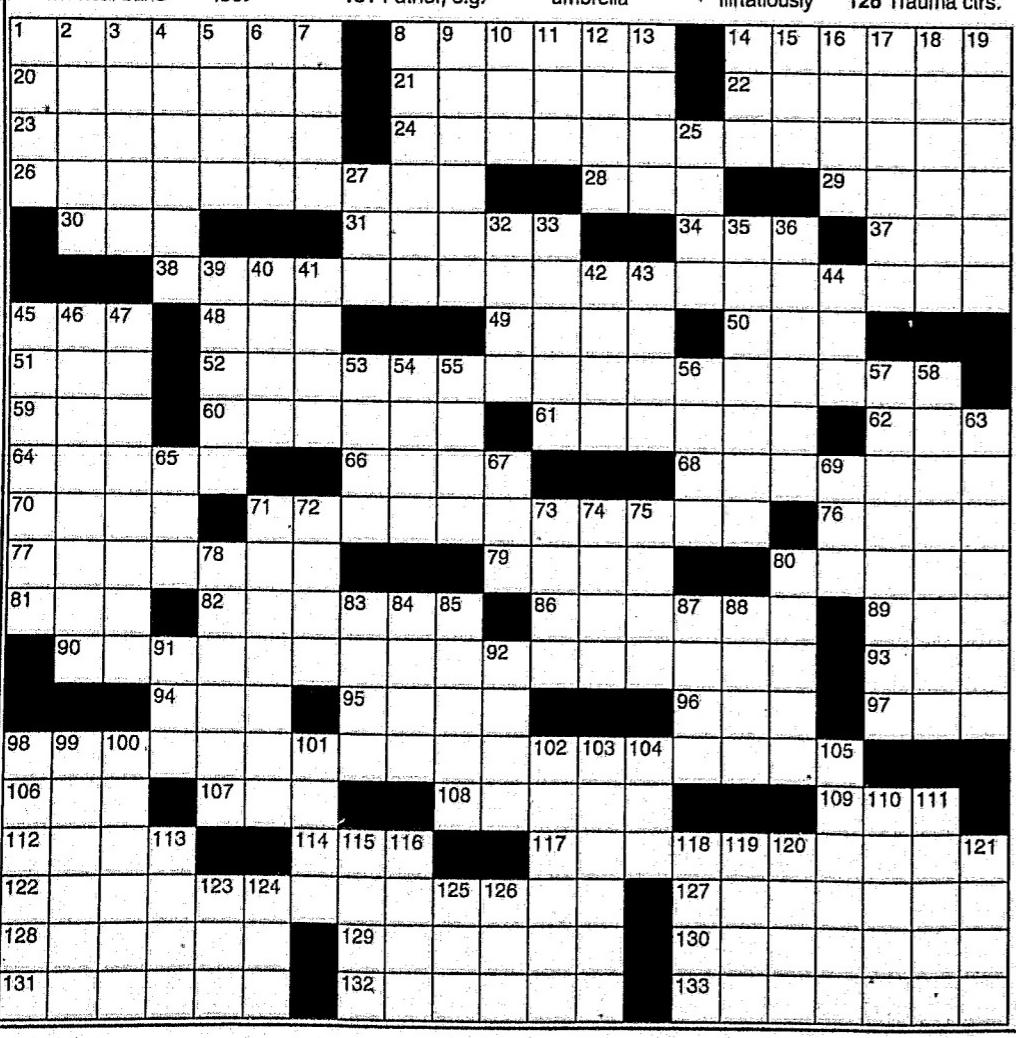
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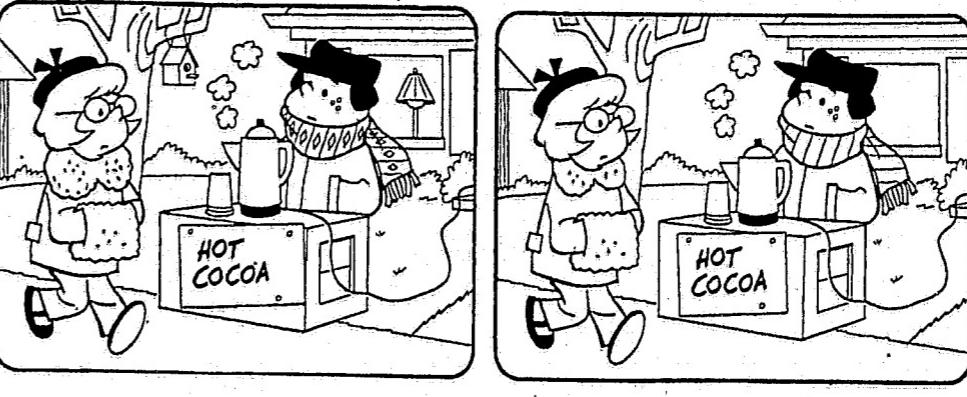
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38	Long-term home loan option	82	Electron	108	feature	54	Some Alpine	54	105 "Hey, bro!"		
45	Javelin's path	86	King in "The Lion King"	109	Student	55	'62 Bond film	55	106 Singer Callas		
48	Ending for senior	89	State south of S. Dak.	110	Being quizzed	56	RBIs, e.g.	56	107 Corned Wanda		
49	Small musical band	90	More boisterous	111	Cartoon	57	Some fishing	57	108 Edling mark		
				112	Skunk — La Fume	58	Some Alpine	58	109 Total revision		
				113	La Fumé	59	Really chill, singers	59	110 Singer Callas		
				114	Quizzed	60	101 Father	60	111 Corned Wanda		
				115	25 VIP's ride	61	Edling mark	61	112 Cry of pain		
				116	27 Final; Abb.	62	Ripened	62	113 Circle dance		
				117	28 See 15-	63	Renown	63	114 Horse pace		
				118	Down	64	Down	64	115 Total revision		
				119	big party for	65	120 Cry of pain	65	116 Ripened		
				120	18 Throwng a big party for	66	121 Spanish muralist	66	117 Circle dance		
				121	19 Student	67	122 Trauma ctrs.	67	118 Circle dance		
				122	20 Being quizzed	68	123 Foil material	68	119 Horse pace		
				123	21 Fumé	69	124 Up to now	69	120 Cry of pain		
				124	22 Skunk — La Fume	70	125 "Norma —"	70	121 Spanish muralist		
				125	23 Umbrella	71	126 Trauma ctrs.	71	122 Trauma ctrs.		



HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



4. Hot cocoa sign is smaller. 5. Scarf is different. 6. Lamp is missing.
1. Collar on coat is smaller. 2. Bridghouse is missing. 3. Hot cocoa pot is different.

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals E

CQH OHRPGUCUPF BPLWHLM

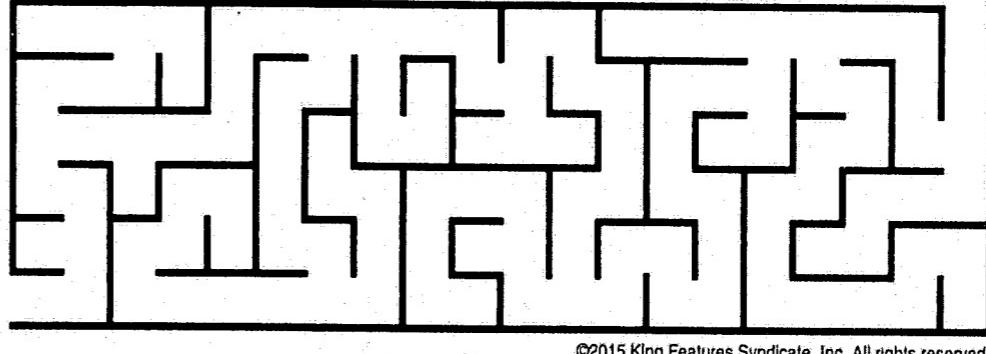
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Kids' Maze

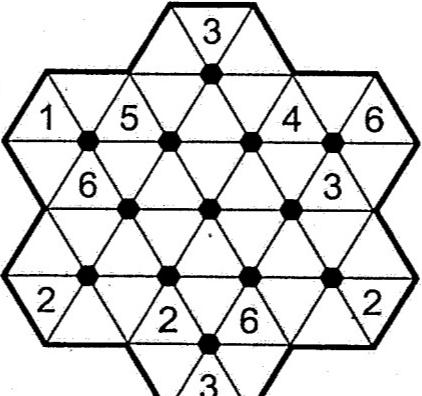


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Snowflakes

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



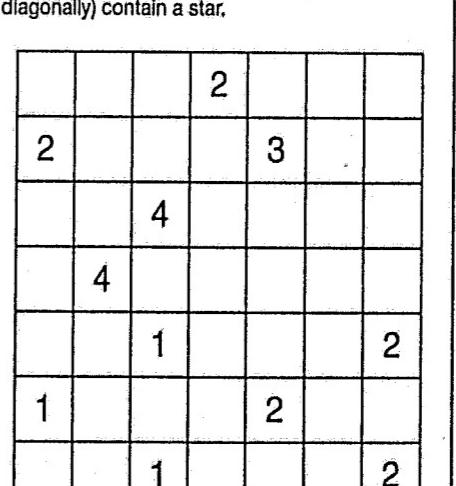
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

Star Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram below so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ WOWZA!

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Kids' Maze Solution

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Today's Word
3. Gress; 4. Insert
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WMCC to offer Maine border towns in-state tuition

We are all about being good neighbors at White Mountains Community College and that is why we have decided to offer our neighboring towns in Maine and Vermont in-state tuition, beginning this summer! If you are a prospective student who lives within 50 miles of our Berlin, Littleton, or Conway locations, you will be eligible for in-state tuition. All current students who reside within the 50 mile radius of one of our three locations will also become eligible this summer for in-state tuition.

Previously, students who attended White Mountains Community College from one of our bordering towns paid a reduced tuition; however, this new initiative carries an even greater savings. Before our 50 mile radius reduced tuition plan, students would pay an average of \$19,200 for their degree. Now, students who will be paying the in-state tuition will be able to receive their degree for an average of \$12,800. This is a remarkable savings and comes at a time when most colleges and universities are raising tuition costs.

White Mountains Commu-

nity College has been continuing with its mission of assisting all types of learners achieve their goals, and has always been considerate of the financial implication of the cost of college. The 50 mile radius initiative is not the first time that White Mountains Community College has reduced its tuition. This past summer, the college reduced tuition by five percent, dropping the price per credit to \$200, making WMCC the lowest tuition in New Hampshire.

With the demand of a college degree increasing each year for obtainable employment, White Mountains Community College is committed to our students and our neighbors so that students near and far can achieve their academic goals and pursue their career dreams. Please contact the college with questions regarding programs and tuition, or to see if your town is eligible for neighboring town in-state tuition. We look forward to seeing you come to the mountains and begin your journey!

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way and online. With over 50 degree and certificate programs and a recent five percent reduction in tuition, White Mountains Community College is affordable and accessible for all individuals, whether you are looking to obtain a college degree, certificate or change your career. The college has a number of articulation agreements so transferring into a four year college for those interested in a bachelor's degree is quick and seamless. For more information, please call White Mountains Community College, 603-752-1113 ext. 3000 or e-mail wmcc@ccsnh.edu.



MAIN STREET, BETHEL BUILDING-This 1904 photo from the Bethel Historical Society shows the Hastings Brothers Building at the top of Main Street, at the location of today's Northeast Bank. The Bethel Town Office building (Cole Block) is at left.

Artists sought for Norway festival

Calling all artists! The Norway Arts Festival is seeking artists and artisans for the 48th Annual Norway Arts Festival Art Show, Saturday, July 11, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date July 12. The Western Maine Art Group will again be overseeing the Art Show this year as a co-sponsor of the Norway Arts Festival event along with Norway Downtown. Public officials have again approved the road

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Artists are being sought to represent a broad spectrum of fine art. The call for Artists includes paintings, drawings, photography, wood, metal, glass, sculpture, jewelry, prints, fiber arts, furniture and more. All work must be original in design and in creation. Artists may enter work for judging to compete for

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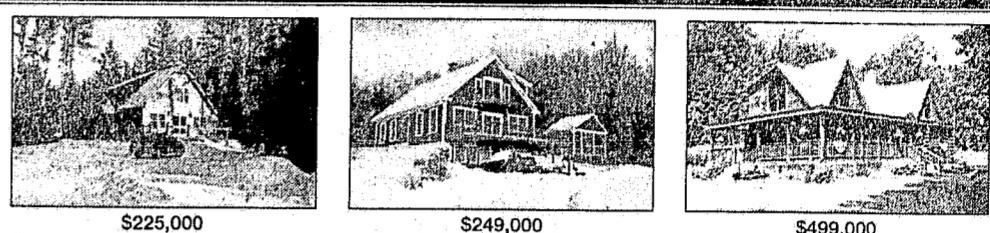
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Obituaries



ROSE LAMONTAGNE

Rose R. Lamontagne, 78, of Lac-Mégantic, Quebec, Canada, and formerly of Bethel, passed away Feb. 10, 2015 after a brief illness with cancer, surrounded by her children at the 5th Season Hospice House in Lac-Mégantic, Canada.

Rose was born in St. Denis de Brompton, Canada on March 1, 1936, the daughter of Donat and Laurette Rene.

She married Simeon (Sam) Lamontagne from Lac-Mégantic, Canada on July 31, 1954. They later moved to Bethel in 1958 and raised their family. She worked at Hanover Dowell Mill and later at Newton Tebbits in West Bethel for several years until 1980 when they moved back to Lac-Mégantic, Canada so she could care for her mother-in-law who was sick.

Rose is survived by her companion of nine years and her four children, daughters Ginette Gates of Pittsfield and husband Thomas, Pierrette Bernatchez or Auburn and husband Richard, Sylvie Murphy of Bryant Pond and husband William (Billy) and son Mark Lamontagne of Lac-Mégantic, Canada.

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and his companion France Nadeau; daughter in law Alicia Lamontagne of Colebrook, N.H.; three grandsons, Jeremie Marquis of N. Stratford, N.H., David C. Parker of Manchester, N.H. and Bryson Lamontagne of Colebrook, N.H.; two granddaughters, Alexis Lamontagne of Colebrook, N.H. and Noemie Lamontagne of Lac-Mégantic, Canada; three great-grandchildren, some cousins, nieces and nephews, all of Canada.

She was predeceased by her parents, her sister, four brothers, her in-laws; husband Simeon (Sam) Lamontagne and a son Richard.

Visitation and showing were held on Feb. 18, 2015 at the Central Granite Funeral Home followed by a Catholic Mass at the church in Lac-Mégantic, Canada.

Friends are invited to share their condolences and memories online or by mail to the family.

WILLIAM HERLIHY

Bill's struggles with numerous health problems for many years ended peacefully at his home in the presence of his beloved wife and daughter the evening of Feb. 16.

Oct. 25, he celebrated his 80th birthday, Kingston, N.Y. was home through his sophomore year in high school when his parents, John and Mary Dinsmore Herlihy moved their business to Fairfield, Conn., where Bill was a 1952 graduate from Roger Ludlow H.S. He attended the University of Michigan then served in the submarine service before finishing his

degree in marketing from the University of Bridgeport in '59. His career included the Vick's Co., insurance, investment banking (testifying before a senate sub-committee re employee stock buyout plan was a highlight), credit and collections and real estate sales for Newry's Sunday River and Highland Green in Topsham.

Summers at Camp Etowah in Fryeburg cemented his love of Maine (his mother was from Dover Foxcroft) which became his permanent home in 1980. Sister-in-law Mary introduced a (40+ year) friendship with Bill W. which led him to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Darien, Conn., a milestone in his deeply spiritual walk. His passion for skiing moved him to setting up media station competitions to support the early days of Maine Handicapped Skiing Ski-a-thon. Sailing was his favorite summer pastime. Other joys came from reading WWII books, NY Giants and Michigan Wolverines football, things Irish, big chocolate chip cookies, feeding the birds, walking along the Sunday River and especially the joy in being with Susan whom he married Sept. 28, 1990.

He had a knack for story telling - those stories often included his brothers who predeceased him: Jack (a torpedo bomber in WW II) and Bob (for whom Herlihy Peak in the Sierra is named). He is survived by Susan; his daughter Kerry and her husband Alan Herrick of Sebago, Maine and his son Brian and wife Kate of Chino, Calif.; Susan's daughter Julie of Orono and son John of Yarmouth; nine grandchildren, Cassandra Krainis (Josh), Keith Herrick, Kerry and Clare Herlihy were a particular source of light and love; as well Susan's Tara, Kate, Sarah, Sydney and Taylor; plus Boston, Eliya, Isaiah and William - the

4 great-grands; also, nephews John, Tom, Patrick and nieces Patti and Julie and their families whose education and careers were such a source of pride.

There will be a Celebration

of Life at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel at 11:30 a.m. March 14. Those wishing to remember Bill are asked to make a donation to Maine Adaptive Sports & Rec. or AHHHC -

Androscoggin Home Health & Hospice Center.

Arrangements by: Cliff Gray Cremation & Funeral Service, 60 Andrews Road, Bryant Pond, Maine, Tel. 461-6050.

ARTirondack chair artists sought



Artists from years past pose with the chairs they designed and painted. From left: Jewel Clark, Scott Lane, Troy Jordan and Sarah Renee Lane.

Are you creative, love to paint furniture and thinks arts education is a great cause? Then the Mahoosuc Arts Council needs you!

It is the time of year again when the Mahoosuc Arts Council goes into full swing preparing for the Annual Summer ARTirondack Auction. The council is seeking new and previous artists to volunteer to paint an Adirondack chair to raise much-needed funding for arts educational programs in the 2015-16 school year.

The artists work will be featured in a variety of ways through promotion of the annual auction which will take place at Mollyockett Days this year on July 18.

The ARTirondack Auction is a major fundraising project for the council. All proceeds go toward supporting outstanding visual and per-

forming arts programming for the adult and student populations of the greater Bethel area. At the same time, the talents of local artisans are celebrated, who create beautiful, functional works of art which often become cherished as family heirlooms.

The chairs are crafted and primed local artist Reggie Brown. In late winter, the council begins seeking volunteer artists. Community businesses and individuals are found to sponsor the chairs which are displayed around the Bethel in the sponsors' locations for viewing in June and July. Color brochures along with posters are published with photographs of each chair and the name of the artists with a map of the chair sponsor locations.

What ARTirondack ARTists do:

Obtain one, primed Adirondack Chair from the Council, which can be delivered to your home; Paint an appealing design for a general audience; Pick up your free paint

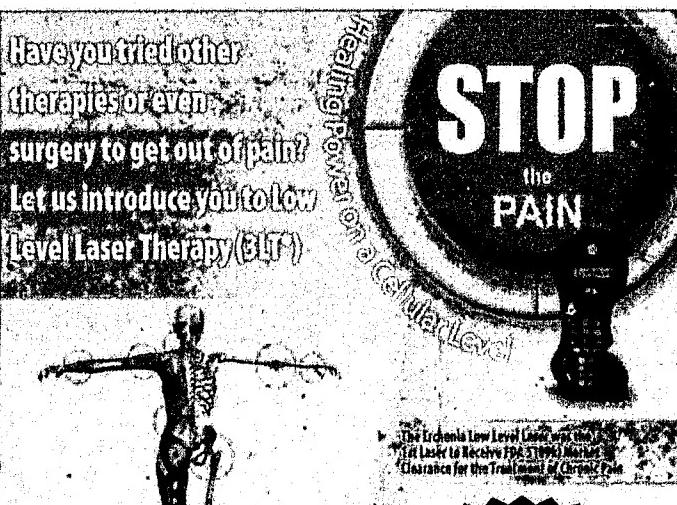
at Brooks Brothers. (Must be acrylic enamel paint); Finish the chair in non-yellowing Ultra Violet protectant polyurethane; Call the Council to have your chair picked up by June 1; Come to the ARTirondack Auction and experience the philanthropy and fun!

Go to: www.mahoosucarts.org/ARTirondack.html for photos of past chairs for ideas and inspiration.

The council is proud to say that some of ARTirondack ARTists have found new opportunities or have received commissions directly as a result of the auction and advertising efforts. In addition to publicizing the auction on our web site, it will also be featured in print, on posters, brochures, and through sponsors.

We have a limited number of chairs for volunteer artists.

Artists can obtain chairs on a first come, first served basis, so please call soon if you are interested in volunteering for ARTirondack. FMI: 207-824-3575 or info@mahoosucarts.org.



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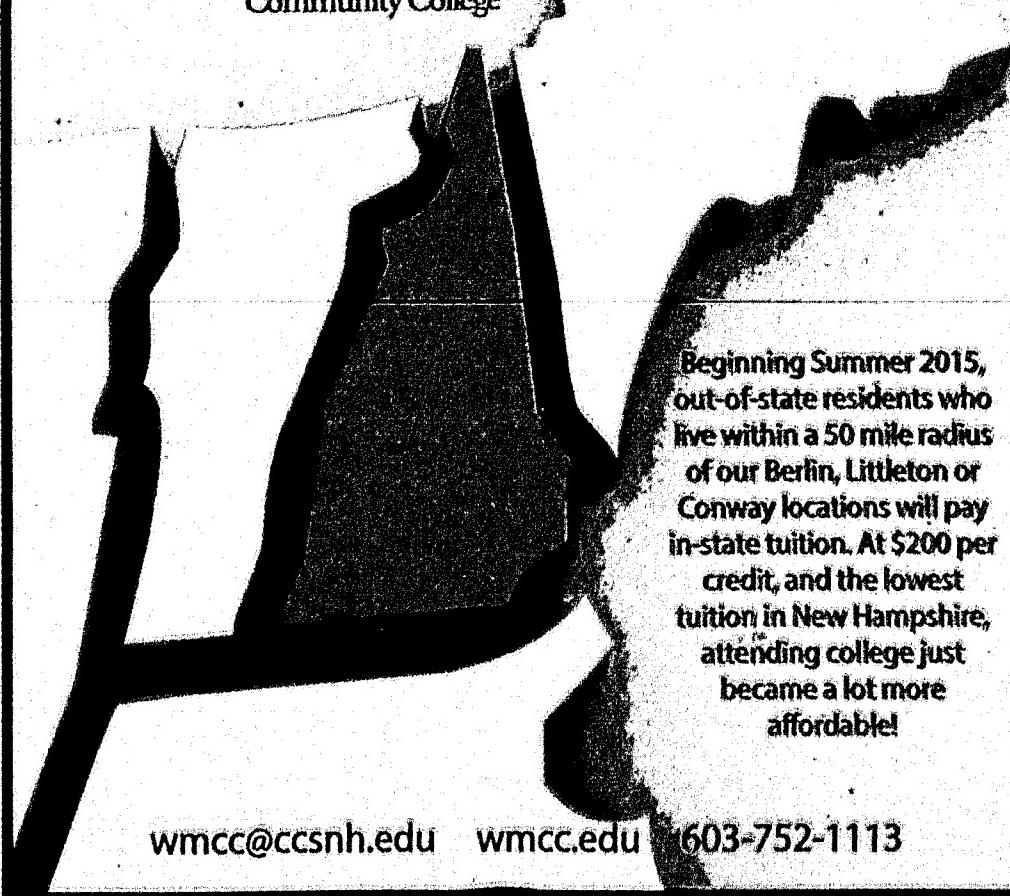
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